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#### **ABSTRACT**

The Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) Service Wastewater Discharge Facility replaces the existing percolation ponds as a disposal facility for the INTEC Service Waste Stream. A preferred alternative for helping decrease water content in the subsurface near INTEC, closure of the existing ponds is required by the INTEC Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Record of Decision (ROD) for Waste Area Group 3 Operable Unit 3-13 (DOE-ID 1999a). By August 2002, the replacement facility was constructed approximately 2 miles southwest of INTEC, near the Big Lost River channel. Because groundwater beneath the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) is protected under Federal and State of Idaho regulations from degradation due to INEEL activities, preoperational data required by U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Order 5400.1 were collected. These data include preexisting physical, chemical, and biological conditions that could be affected by the discharge; background levels of radioactive and chemical components; pertinent environmental and ecological parameters; and potential pathways for human exposure or environmental impact.

This document presents specific data collected in support of DOE Order 5400.1, including: four quarters of groundwater sampling and analysis of chemical and radiological parameters; general facility description; site specific geology, stratigraphy, soils, and hydrology; perched water discussions; and general regulatory requirements. However, in order to avoid duplication of previous information, the reader is directed to other referenced publications for more detailed information. Documents that are not readily available are compiled in this publication as appendices. These documents include well and borehole completion reports, a perched water evaluation letter report, the draft INEEL Wellhead Protection Program Plan, and the Environmental Checklist.

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#### **ACRONYMS**

AEC Atomic Energy Commission

BBWI Bechtel BWXT Idaho, LLC

bls below land surface

BLM U.S. Bureau of Land Management

BLR Big Lost River

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

CFA Central Facilities Area

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

CRMO Cultural Resource Management Office

DCG derived concentration guide

DOE U.S. Department of Energy

DOE-ID U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office

EA environmental assessment

EBR-I Experimental Breeder Reactor I

EIS environmental impact statement

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

ESRP Eastern Snake River Plain

FFA/CO Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order

HLWF high-level waste treatment and interim storage facility

ICDF INEEL CERCLA Disposal Facility

IDAPA Idaho Administrative Procedures Act

IDEQ Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

IDHW Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

INEEL Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

INEL Idaho National Engineering Laboratory

INTEC Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center

ISFSI Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

kPa kilopascal

LET&D Liquid Effluent Treatment and Disposal

LLWL low-level waste landfill

LMITCO Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Company

MCL maximum contaminant level

MCP management control procedure

MOA memorandum of agreement

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NHPA National Historic Preservation Act

NPL National Priorities List

NRF Naval Reactors Facility

NWI National Wetland Inventory

OU operable unit

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

RI/BRA Remedial Investigation, Baseline Risk Assessment

RWMC Radioactive Waste Management Complex

SRPA Snake River Plain Aquifer

SWDF Service Wastewater Discharge Facility

SWPPP Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

SWPPP-CA Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Construction Activities

SWPPP-IA Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Industrial Activities

SWS Service Waste System

TAN Test Area North

TDS total dissolved solids

TMI Three Mile Island

TRA Test Reactor Area

USACOE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

UXO unexploded ordnance

WAG waste area group

WLAP Wastewater Land Application Permit

# Preoperational Subsurface Conditions at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center Service Wastewater Discharge Facility

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Beneath the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC), (administratively identified as Waste Area Group [WAG] 3), groundwater is recharged from surface water sources such as percolation ponds, sewage treatment lagoons, and occasionally, during wet years, from the Big Lost River. Other recharge sources may include lawn watering, storm water infiltration, and leaking underground pipelines containing nonhazardous and nonradioactive process water, fire water, steam condensate and radioactive liquid going to the tank farm. As a result, these water sources have produced the formation of several perched water zones beneath the INTEC at depths ranging from 31 to 128 m (100 to 420 ft) below land surface (bls). Many of the perched zones have been contaminated by downward transport of contaminants, primarily radionuclides (Sr-90, I-129, and tritium) from the overlying surface soils, and from two instances in which the INTEC injection well collapsed and service wastewater was released to the perched zones. Water flow in the perched water zones is primarily vertical and ultimately recharges the Snake River Plain Aquifer (SRPA). Consequently, perched water is one contaminant transport pathway between contaminated surface soils and the SRPA. In addition, contaminants already in the perched water are a secondary source of aquifer contamination.

The Service Waste System (SWS) and associated discharge into existing percolation ponds, located immediately south of the facility, account for a large percentage of water recharge to the subsurface. Therefore, the INTEC Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Record of Decision (ROD) for WAG 3 Operable Unit (OU) 3-13 (DOE-ID 1999a) requires closure of the existing service waste percolation ponds as the preferred alternative for helping decrease water content in the subsurface. In response to this action, an alternative discharge option for the 1.5 to 2.5 million gallons per day of service wastewater was determined (DOE-ID 2000) and a new discharge location was identified (DOE-ID 1999b).

In August 2000, construction of a new service wastewater discharge facility began at a location approximately 2 miles southwest of the INTEC facility adjacent to the channel of the Big Lost River (Figure 1-1). Because groundwater beneath the INEEL is protected under Federal and State of Idaho regulations from degradation due to INEEL activities, including discharges associated with new ponds, preoperational information required by DOE Order 5400.1 was collected. These data include pre-existing physical, chemical, and biological conditions that could be affected by the discharge; background levels of radioactive and chemical components; pertinent environmental and ecologic parameters; and potential pathways for human exposure or environmental impact as a basis for determining the nature and extent of the subsequent routine operational and emergency effluent monitoring and environmental surveillance programs.

This document primarily presents and discusses the results of a baseline groundwater monitoring program initiated prior to startup operations at the service wastewater discharge facility. Additionally, the document is a compilation of all data collected and assembled in reference to the new facility. In order to avoid duplication of previous information and to maintain brevity, the reader will be directed to other referenced publications as needed.

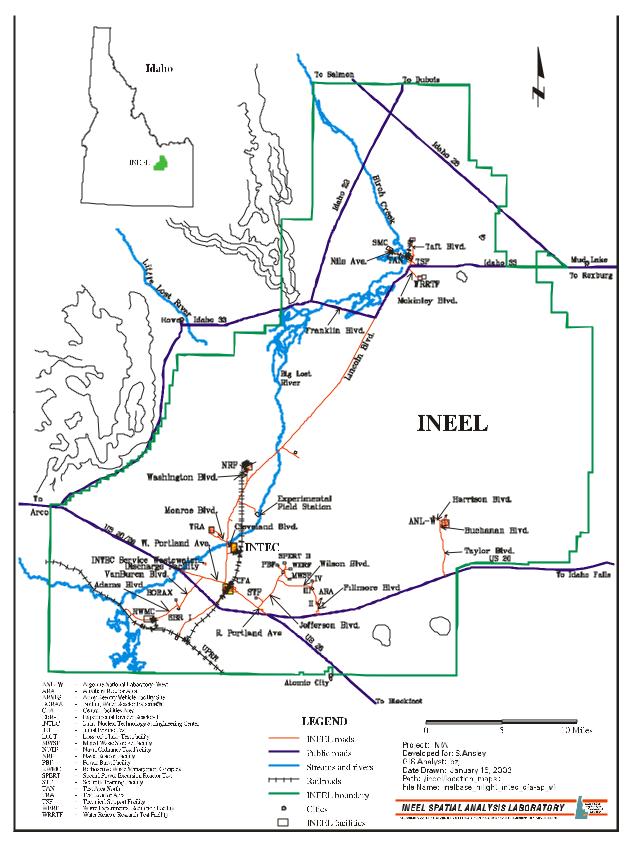


Figure 1-1. Location of INTEC, CFA, and the INTEC Service Wastewater Discharge Facility on the INEEL.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

# 2.1 General Facility Description

The INTEC, formerly the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, is a multipurpose plant located on the INEEL, approximately 4 km (2.5 mi) north of CFA (Figure 1-1). Constructed in 1951, the INTEC initially contained all the facilities necessary to receive and store spent nuclear fuels, process the fuels to recover U-235, and handle waste generated by those functions. However, due to a mission change in 1992, the facility no longer recovers U-235. The current mission is to receive and temporarily store, prior to future disposition, spent nuclear fuel and waste fission products resulting from the spent fuel recovery processes. Research and development work is also conducted to develop and improve fuel management and waste processing technologies.

## 2.2 Service Waste System

The SWS, serving all major INTEC facilities, generates 5.6 to 9.4 million L/day (1.5 to 2.5 million gal/day) of process wastewater during normal operations. This process-related wastewater consists of steam condensate; noncontact cooling water; water treatment, demineralizer, and boiler blowdown wastewater; and other nonradioactive, nonhazardous liquids. Hazardous or radioactive wastewater from INTEC processes and laboratories are sent to either the low-level liquid waste evaporator or the high-level waste Tank Farm for treatment or storage. Sanitary wastes from restrooms and the cafeteria are discharged to the Sewage Treatment Plant located along the northeast boundary of the facility. Some sanitary wastes are directed to on-site septic tank systems.

Prior to discharge to the ponds, all service waste enters the final sampling and monitoring station (CPP-797) where it is measured for flow-rate, monitored for radioactivity, and sampled as prescribed by the State of Idaho Wastewater Land Application Permit (WLAP). Wastewater is then discharged to the percolation ponds.

Although radioactive wastewater systems have been isolated from the service waste stream since January 1993, systems containing liquid radioactive wastes are still present at the facility. The service waste stream is continuously monitored for radioactivity even though the risk of a failure of the protection systems that guard against an accidental discharge of radioactive wastes to the ponds is extremely low. A series of diversion mechanisms throughout the system are automatically triggered by gamma monitoring devices set to activate the system at a specified radioactivity.

# 2.3 Waste Stream Water Quality and Flow Rates

Current discharges from the SWS to the existing percolation ponds are regulated under a State of Idaho WLAP and reported annually in the WLAP Site Performance Reports for the INEEL to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (INEEL 2001, INEEL 2000a, LMITCO 1999, LMITCO 1998a, LMITCO 1997a, LMITCO 1996b). Discharges to the new ponds will be regulated under permit LA-000130-03 issued September 10, 2001. Data confirming compliance with the permit will be reported in the annual Site Performance Report. Service wastewater samples are collected from the waste stream at CPP-797 (the final sampling and monitoring station) prior to discharge to the ponds. Between February and April 2000, the Environmental Restoration Organization collected confirmatory samples of service waste from CPP-797. Samples were analyzed for metals, nonmetals, I-129, Sr-90, gross alpha, gross beta, and gamma. The data are reported in EDF-ER-249.

# 2.4 New Discharge Facility Description

The new INTEC Service Wastewater Discharge Facility (SWDF) (Figure 2-1) was designed to function in a similar manner to the old percolation ponds south of the INTEC facility. Essentially a rapid infiltration system, the new pond complex is composed of two cells excavated into the surficial alluvium and surrounded by bermed alluvial material. Each cell is approximately 96 x 96 m (315 x 315 ft) at the top of the berm and is 3.6 to 4.3 m (12 to 14 ft) deep. Each pond is designed to accommodate a continuous discharge of approximately 11 million liters per day (3 million gallons per day). Two sets of electric pumps transfer wastewater from CPP-797 to the discharge facility.

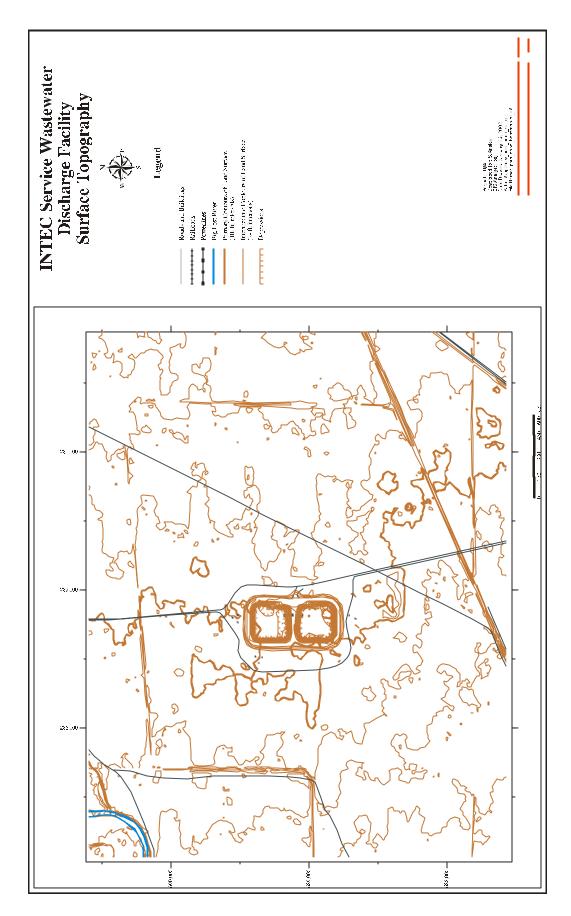


Figure 2-1. Diagram of the INTEC Service Wastewater Discharge Facility.

#### 3. GENERAL SETTING

This section briefly summarizes hydrogeologic and physical characteristics localized to the area of the INTEC SWDF. For more regional descriptions of geology, physiography, soils, surface and subsurface hydrology, meteorology and climatology, flora and fauna, archeological resources, demography and land use, and infrastructure, the reader is referred to the siting study done to select the location for the new facility (DOE-ID 1999b). Site-specific descriptions of similar information are presented in the following sections. Most of the information was obtained during drilling of shallow engineering boreholes, aquifer wells, and vadose zone instrumented boreholes.

# 3.1 Site-Specific Physiography and Geology

The new discharge facility is located in a flat-lying area just southeast of the Big Lost River channel in the south-central part of the INEEL. In this area, alluvial gravels from the Big Lost River cover a broad span approximately 6 km (3.7 mi) wide, bounded on the southeast and northwest by outcrops of basalt lava flows. The pond cells are actually sited on Late Pleistocene alluvial gravels on a low terrace above the Holocene floodplain (Figure 3-1). The Holocene floodplain, which lies between the INTEC and the TRA facilities, is characterized by numerous abandoned channels and possibly braided channels of the Big Lost River. The presently active channel, which has been dry at this location approximately 4 of the last 10 years, is incised into the Holocene floodplain deposits by about 1.5 to 2 m (4.9 to 6.5 ft), and is floored by light tan color sands and fine gravels. Air photographs of the Pleistocene terrace deposit on which the new facility is located shows no evidence of recent channels or braids of the river. A subdued meander-scroll topography is present over large areas of the Pleistocene surface (Figure 3-2). The ground surface is covered by sagebrush and the meander-scrolls are recognizable mainly from tonal anomalies on air photographs. Based on the degree of soil development and radiocarbon ages of sediments, the deposits that make up this surface were laid down during periods of high runoff during retreat of the most recent (Pinedale) glaciers, probably in the range of 15,000 to 20,000 years ago (Scott 1982, Ostenaa et al. 1999a).

The landforms adjacent to the Big Lost River alluvial deposits are dominated by lava flow surface morphology that has been subdued somewhat by deposition of loess and fine eolian sand in low areas and in the lees of ridges and hills. The lava flow surfaces are characterized by rugged but low-relief topography. Due to deflation of parts of the surface during waning stages of volcanic activity, there are numerous closed basins separated by undeflated ridges. The largest of the basins (up to several tens of meters across) commonly contain thin playa deposits that cover the basin floors. The ridges are riddled with anastomosing fissures that are roughly parallel to the margins of the collapsed basins. Many of the outcrops show columnar jointing that produces a hexagonal or polygonal pattern of fractures on the outcrop surface.

# 3.2 Site-Specific Stratigraphy

At the new facility, the surficial sediments (Big Lost River alluvium) vary from 12 to 19.8 m (39.5 to 65 ft) thick and consist mostly of gravel, gravelly sands, and sands deposited by the Big Lost River during late Pleistocene time. The surficial sediments overlie an alternating sequence of basalt lava flows and interbedded sediments known as the Snake River Group, which may extend to a depth of 600 to 700 m (1,968 to 2,296 ft). Basalt lava flow groups make up at least 85% of the upper 213 m (700 ft) of stratigraphy near the facility, the remainder being sediment interbeds. The deepest borehole drilled at the pond location is 171 m (560 ft) below land surface.

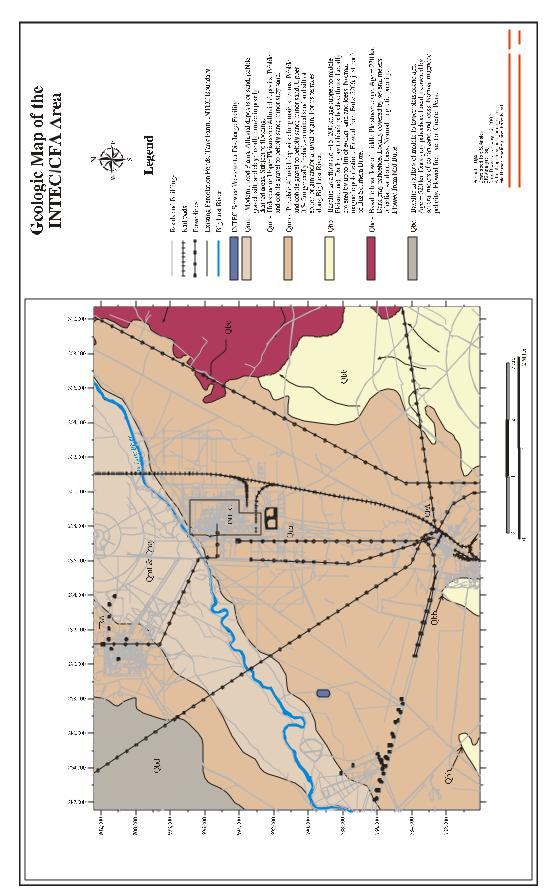


Figure 3-1. Geologic map of the INTEC and CFA areas.

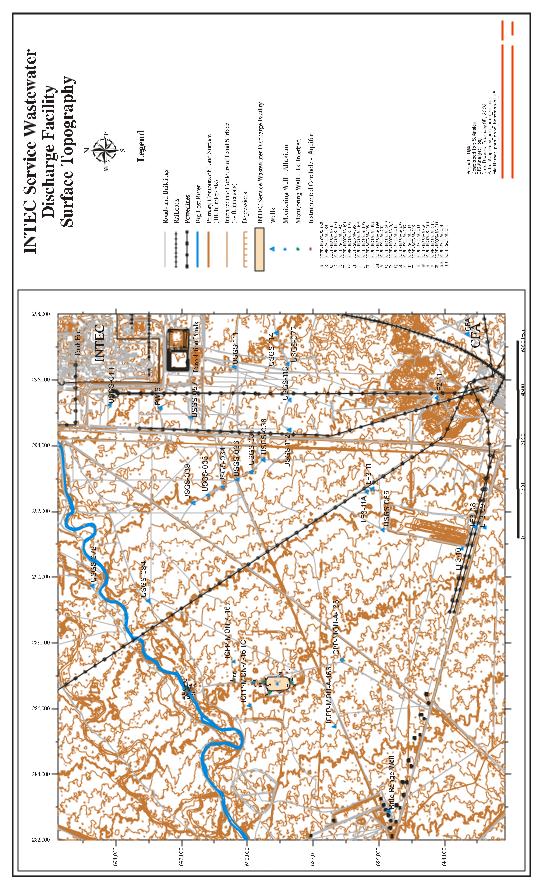


Figure 3-2. Surface topography of the INTEC and surrounding area.

Although the surficial sediment at the new facility is composed of alluvial gravels, sedimentary interbeds within the Snake River Group are typically composed of silts, clayey silts, and sandy silts of both alluvial and eolian origin. Some of the deeper, thicker interbeds contain significant alluvial materials, including sands and gravels. Draft cross sections showing the positions and thickness of interbeds are presented in Appendix C. These sections show that the first major interbed occurs between depths of 37.5 to 44.5 m (123 to 146 ft) below land surface. A second thick interbed occurs between 55 and 72 m (181 and 236 ft) below land surface. Other interbeds occurring between 80-90 ft, 117-152 ft, 180-236 ft, and 320-330 ft bls may be continuous across the area covered by the well field. Additional interbeds observed in some boreholes between 275-308 ft and 425-475 ft bls may be discontinuous across the area. Deep cores collected from two holes by the U.S. Geological Survey have been logged for geophysical properties but not for lithologic identification. Interbed materials collected during all drilling operations have not been analyzed for hydraulic or physical properties.

Lithologic descriptions made during drilling activities indicate that the interbeds are composed of sand, silty sand, and some clay. Also throughout the stratigraphic section beneath the new facility are highly fractured and altered basalt rubble zones, sometimes infilled with fine-grained sediments, which may represent flow contacts.

#### 3.3 Soils

Soils in the vicinity of the Big Lost River tend to be medium to coarse textured over gravel and are derived from alluvial deposits of the Big Lost River. These soils range from shallow, less than 51 cm (20 in.) to deep, more than 152 cm (60 in.). The cation-exchange capacity—an indicator of the ability of a soil to adsorb potential contaminants—ranges from 0 to 30 meq/100 g. Soils in the central portion of the INEEL tend to be moderately coarse-textured (from eolian sand) on basalt plains at depths ranging from shallow, less than 51 cm (20 in.) to deep, more than 152 cm (60 in.). The soils tend to have clay contents ranging from 2 to 35% and cation-exchange capacities ranging from 1 to 30 meq/100 g. Soils in the southern portions of the site tend to be medium- to fine-grained (from loess) on basalt plains and also are shallow to deep.

# 3.4 Surface Water Hydrology

The INEEL stretch of the Big Lost River, the major natural surface water feature on the INEEL, is located approximately 1,500-2,000 ft northwest of the new facility and is ephemeral with no recreational or consumptive uses of the water. Impounded and regulated by Mackay Dam (located approximately 81 km [50 mi] northwest of CFA in the Big Lost River Valley), water flows from the dam southeastward through the Big Lost River Valley and onto the INEEL (see Figure 3-3). Although streamflows are often depleted before reaching the INEEL, by irrigation diversions and infiltration losses along the river, flow actually reaching the INEEL is either diverted at the INEEL diversion dam or flows northward across the INEEL.

The INEEL Diversion Dam constructed in 1958 to divert high runoff flows from downstream INEEL facilities, consists of a small earthen dam and headgate that directs water from the main channel, through a connecting channel, and into a series of four natural depressions, called spreading areas located south and west of the RWMC. The capacity of the spreading areas is 58,000 acre-ft at an elevation of 1,539 m (5,050 ft) (McKinney 1985). Runoff from the Big Lost River has never been sufficient to exceed the capacity of the spreading areas and overflow the weir.

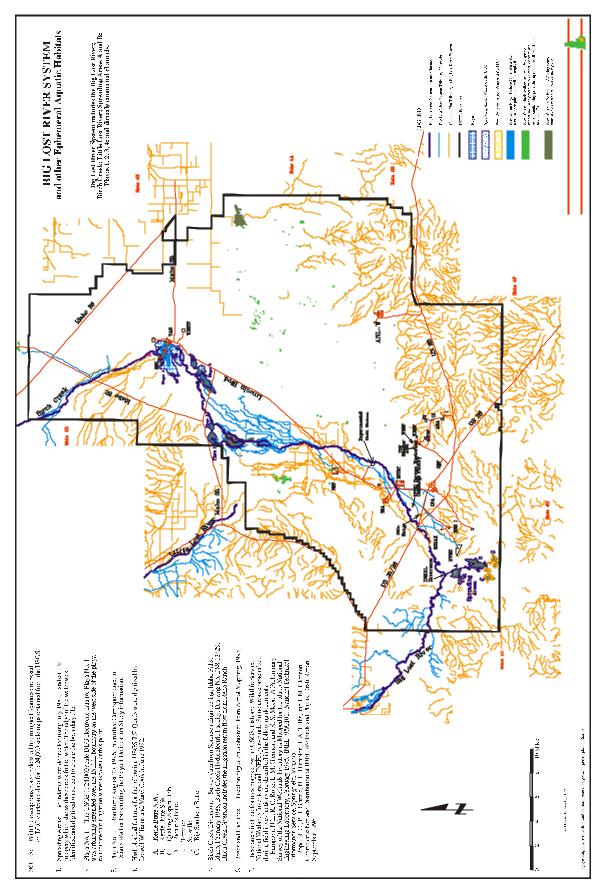


Figure 3-3. Channels and flow paths of the Big Lost River both off and on the INEEL.

Big Lost River flow data for USGS flow monitoring stations at the closest downstream and upstream station from the location of the percolation ponds are 13132520 (near the INEEL Diversion) and 13132535 (at the Lincoln Boulevard Bridge). At station 13132520, flow was present every month from October 1998 through September 1999. Downstream at station 13132535, flow occurred in the BLR channel in all months except for the second half of December 1998 and January, February, and the first half of March 1999. This indicates channel infiltration occurred between the two stations during this period. For water year October 1999 to September 2000, station 13132520 showed flow in the channel in all months except the second half of May, and all of June, July, August, and September. At station 13132535, a similar flow pattern is observed with no flow in the channel for most of May and June through September.

Several studies have presented estimates of the potential magnitude of the 100-year flood for the Big Lost River, some of which are discussed below. The 100-year flood for the Big Lost River near Arco, a station 23 km (14 mi) upstream from the INEEL diversion dam, has an estimated magnitude of approximately 3,700 to 4,400 cfs based on a log-Pearson Type III distribution of historical stream gaging records (Tullis and Koslow 1983; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE 1991); and Stone, Mann and Kjelstrom 1992). Another study used a log-Pearson Type III distribution for a station upstream of Mackay Reservoir combined with a regional regression approach for 22 subbasins and estimated a peak flow of 7,200 cfs for the 100-year flood for the Big Lost River at the Arco station (Kjelstrom and Berenbrock, 1996). The highest recorded flow at the Arco station was 1,890 cfs in July 1967. A recent study using paleohydrologic data collected from several stream reaches along the Big Lost River below the Arco station in combination with historical stream gage data from the Arco station, and a Bayesian flood-frequency analysis estimates a magnitude of 3,300 cfs for the 100-year flood for the Big Lost River at the Arco station (Ostenaa et al. 1999b). Ostennaa et al. also predicted peak flows on the Big Lost River with return periods of 500, 1,000, and 10,000 years are 4,000, 4,400, and 5,300 cfs, respectively. These results suggest that exceedance of the estimated maximum capacity of the INEEL diversion dam of 9,300 cfs (Bennett 1986) has an extrapolated annual exceedance probability smaller than 0.00001 (or greater than the 100,000-year return period). Assuming a safeholding capacity of 5,000 cfs for the INEEL diversion dam the annual exceedance probability is 0.0002 (or a 5,000-year return period).

A USGS floodplain study (Berenbrock and Kjelstrom 1998) routed their conservatively high estimate of the 100-year peak flow (7,200 cfs) (Kjelstrom and Berenbrock 1997) downstream onto the INEEL (Figure 3-4). The flood-routing study did not include the INEEL diversion dam in the model simulation. The study assumes 1,000 cfs of the peak flow will flow down the diversion channel and the remaining flow of 6,200 cfs is routed downstream onto the INEEL using a one-dimensional code that does not account for infiltration, side or overbank losses.

Localized flooding occurred most recently in approximately 1962 when late winter frozen ground coupled with rapid snowmelt resulted in ponded water at the CFA facility. In order to drain the water and prevent a similar reoccurrence, a series of drainage ditches or canals were excavated to the north and northwest of the CFA. Many of these ditches are located within the vicinity of the new facility.

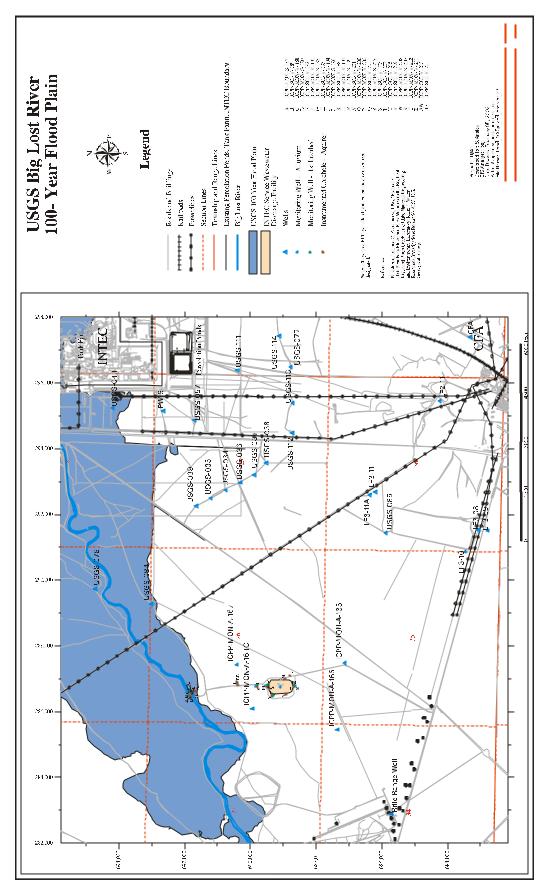


Figure 3-4. USGS Big Lost River 100-year flood plain.

# 3.5 Subsurface Hydrology

#### 3.5.1 Vadose Zone

Site-specific hydraulic properties of the vadose zone underlying the new facility are not characterized. However, some hydraulic properties will be obtained during research activities conducted at the INEEL Vadose Zone Research Park. The park encompasses the location of the INTEC SWDF and is coordinated by the INEEL Subsurface Science Program, the Manager of Environmental Monitoring, and the Geoscience organization. Currently, 26 monitoring points have been installed around the new facility; each designed as a monitoring well, an instrumented borehole, or a geophysical borehole. This network has the capability of measuring soil matric potential, soil temperature, soil moisture content, and CO<sub>2</sub> content in soil gases at varying depths in the vadose zone. Additionally, some locations will have soil water sampling apparatus and some locations will collect electrical resistivity data. Background data are being collected prior to start-up of discharge of the ponds and will continue indefinitely. Appendix C details the locations and measurement capabilities of the wells associated with the Research Park.

#### 3.5.2 Perched Water

Perched water bodies have formed beneath all INEEL infiltration ponds. The geohydrologic characteristics of the unsaturated zone underlying TRA, INTEC, TAN, and the RWMC differ with respect to basalt and sediment lithology, unit thickness, and physical orientation. These facilities also differ in the volumes of effluent discharged to the infiltration ponds, the sizes of the area over which recharge occurs, and the degree of saturation both horizontally and vertically. Although these differences exist, the features that control the formation of perched groundwater zones are common to the four facilities and to the new facility.

The discharge of wastewater into existing percolation ponds south of INTEC caused perched groundwater to form in the vicinity of the ponds (Figure 3-5). The lateral extent of this body approximates the pond boundaries and is dominated by vertical infiltration. Deeper perched water zones have been identified in the basalt at depths between 34 and 52 m (113 and 170 ft) bls and 97 and 128 m (320 and 420 ft) bls. The approximate extent of the 34-m (110-ft) perched zone is shown in Figure 3-5.

It is a basic assumption that perching of percolation pond infiltrate at relocated disposal ponds will occur similarly to that observed at the existing ponds. WAG 3 OU 3-13 modeling for a 1.5 mg/day discharge to the existing ponds predicts the lateral spread of 100% saturation to be 549 m (1,800 ft) from the center of the existing ponds (Figure 3-5). The estimated 90% saturation boundary for the same discharge volume is 1,555 m (5,100 ft). For the new percolation ponds, it is assumed that there will be no impact to the existing perched water at INTEC from new pond discharges because: (1) the OU 3-13 WAG 3 model is extremely conservative, (2) there is a long time interval before the new ponds will receive 3 MG/day of waste water, (3) the measured perched water extent beneath the existing ponds is smaller than the OU 3-13 modeled extent, and (4) there is a 3-km (2-mi) separation between the existing ponds and the new ponds. For the purpose of estimating the extent of perched water at the new facility, no measured or modeled predictions of perched water extent exist, especially regarding impacts from the Big Lost River (BLR) during channel flow. However, within boreholes ICPP-MON-A-164 (A, B, and C) and ICPP-MON-A-167, cascading water was observed in video logs of the holes after drilling. At their shortest distance, these wells are located approximately 800 and 1700 ft, respectively, from the BLR channel. Video logs taken in wells ICPP-MON-A-164B in March 2000 show water entering the borehole at approximately 170 ft bls and cascading downward, obscuring observation of the remainder of the hole. Volume measurements of water entering these boreholes were not made. (USGS measurements of BLR

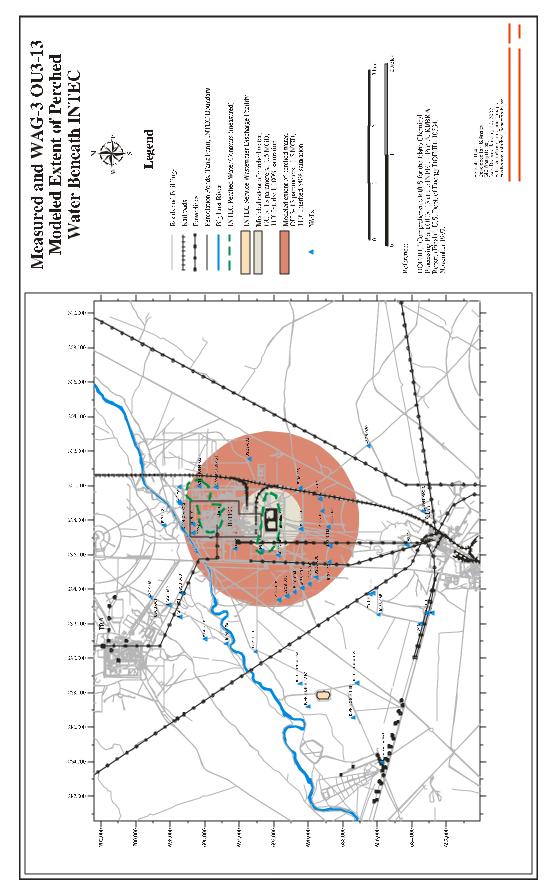


Figure 3-5. Measured and WAG 3 OU 3-13-modeled extent of perched water beneath INTEC.

flow during this month was a maximum of 68 cfs at the INEEL diversion station #13132520 and a maximum of 55 cfs at station # 13132535 at the Lincoln Boulevard bridge, downstream of the percolation ponds. These flow measurements represent the maximum flow in the BLR channel during the entire water year October 1999 to September 2000.) A video log taken in June 2000 when there was no flow in the BLR channel, shows water still cascading down the borehole but from a lower level, 235 ft bls. In the video log of ICPP-MON-A-167 taken also in June 2000, water can be observed cascading down the borehole, apparently originating at a depth of 198 ft bls. From these data, it can be predicted that perched water originating from BLR flow can extend as far as 1700 ft (and probably more) from the center of the channel. Information is not available to predict the drainage rate of any perched water body. In dry water years such as those observed from 1988 through approximately 1994, one could assume that after an unknown period of time, perched water below the BLR would dissipate and drain as long as flow in the channel remains zero. Similarly, perched water originating from discharges to the percolation ponds will dissipate and drain at some unknown rate upon cessation of discharge.

# 3.6 Snake River Plain Aquifer

The SRPA, one of the most productive aquifers in the United States (Lindholm 1981), was classified as a sole-source aquifer by the EPA in 1991. The aquifer flow embedded within the basalt stratigraphy of the Snake River Plain is governed by the structure of individual basalt layers. Horizontal movement of water within the aquifer, the predominant movement direction, is aided by hydraulically connected interflow zones created by the upper vesicular zone of a basalt flow coupled with the fractured and often rubbly substratum of the overlying flow. Vertical movement of water, controlled by pore size, fracture size, and fracture density, is generally limited within the dense interior elements of a flow. Fracture joints in the central portion of the lava flow are typically vertical in orientation. As discussed earlier, although these vertical fractures are believed to serve as the primary means for vertical groundwater movement, they may actually lead to little vertical or horizontal movement of groundwater flow due to sedimentary and chemical infilling of fractures and alteration zones. Further contributing to the reduction of vertical flow is the presence of sedimentary interbeds. These interbeds, typically composed of fine-grained, clayey materials, have hydraulic conductivities 3 to 5 orders of magnitude lower than that of the surrounding fractured basalt. Detailed regional descriptions of the SRPA can be found in Holdren et al. 1997 and DOE-ID 1997.

Groundwater beneath the new facility is approximately 152 m (500 ft) bls. Regional and local groundwater flow is south-southwest. No estimates of local hydraulic conductivity have been made, however, the hydraulic conductivity of the SRPA near INTEC was estimated using the transmissivity values reported by Ackerman (1991) and the saturated thickness of the open interval of the well. The estimation of hydraulic conductivity was based on the assumption that the wells fully penetrate the saturated thickness of the aquifer. Hydraulic conductivities range five orders of magnitude with a maximum of  $3.0 \times 10^3$  m/day ( $1.0 \times 10^4$  ft/day) at Well CPP-3 and a minimum of  $3.0 \times 10^{-2}$  m/day ( $1.0 \times 10^{-1}$  ft/day) at Well USGS-114. The average hydraulic conductivity within the immediate vicinity of INTEC is  $4.0 \times 10^2 \pm 7.9 \times 10^2$  m/day ( $1.3 \times 10^3 \pm 2.6 \times 10^3$  ft/day). Using the average hydraulic conductivity—a hydraulic gradient of 1.2 m/km (6.3 ft/mi) (Cecil et al. 1991)—and an effective porosity of 10%, the calculated seepage velocity near the INTEC is approximately 3 m/day (10 ft/day). Groundwater flow velocities have also been estimated by observation of tritium concentration changes in wells downgradient of the INTEC injection well.

#### 4. GROUNDWATER QUALITY

# 4.1 Historical Groundwater Quality Associated with INTEC and TRA

The U.S. Geological Survey office based at the INEEL has historically collected groundwater samples to monitor the concentrations and movement of contaminants in the aquifer that resulted from operations at various facilities. These data can be found in USGS publications or acquired from the Environmental Restoration Information System database. Groundwater data specific to INTEC are also contained in the RI/BRA for WAG 3 OU 3-13 (DOE-ID 1997).

Figures 4-1 through 4-6 present the distribution of contaminant plumes for specific conductance, nitrate, chloride, tritium, strontium-90, and iodine-129 in the Snake River Plain Aquifer as of October 1995. As shown, contaminant plumes originating from both TRA and INTEC, as a result of past disposal practices, encompass or approach the location of the new discharge facility.

# 4.2 Pre-Operational Baseline Aquifer Monitoring and Sampling

Groundwater samples were collected from aquifer wells ICPP-MON-A-164C, -165, and -167 in November 2000 and January, February, and March 2001. Well ICPP-MON-A-166 was sampled in March and May 2001 and an additional sample was collected from ICPP-MON-A-167 in May 2001. Because the new facility was located in a previously undisturbed area where no known waste disposal has occurred, a comprehensive groundwater sampling program was required in order to assess the impact of the new facility on existing groundwater quality. The goal of the program was to collect four rounds of samples from each well prior to the initial discharge of wastewater to the newly constructed ponds. Except for well ICPP-MON-A-166, the program goal was met. Only two rounds of samples were collected from this well due to pump installation problems, inadequate generator capability, and other minor logistical problems.

Sampling plan SAP-EM-GW-3, Revision 0, (INEEL 2000b) outlines the requirements for sampling and the constituents analyzed. Data obtained from the sampling activities are presented in Appendix C.

In general, data results show no abnormal concentrations or occurrences of contaminants expected to be within the contaminant plumes from TRA and INTEC. All results are consistent with USGS data.

Volatile organic compounds were not detected above their respective maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). The only unflagged, valid detection of a VOC (three orders of magnitude below the MCL) was for toluene in the March 2001 sample from well ICPP-MON-A-166. Toluene was not detected in the associated trip blank. Because the validation process did not reject the result, it is considered a valid number. However, there were no other positive VOC results during the entire sampling period, suggesting that the toluene result may be anomalous. Without follow-up or confirmatory analyses, theories for this occurrence may include laboratory cross-contamination, field-contamination, laboratory error, or analytic anomaly. Additional sampling and analysis are recommended.

Other VOC results were reported as estimated quantities or method quantitation limits for methylene chloride, acetone, carbon disulfide, carbon tetrachloride, and trichloroethene. In summary, no volatile organic compounds are present in the aquifer beneath the new facility.

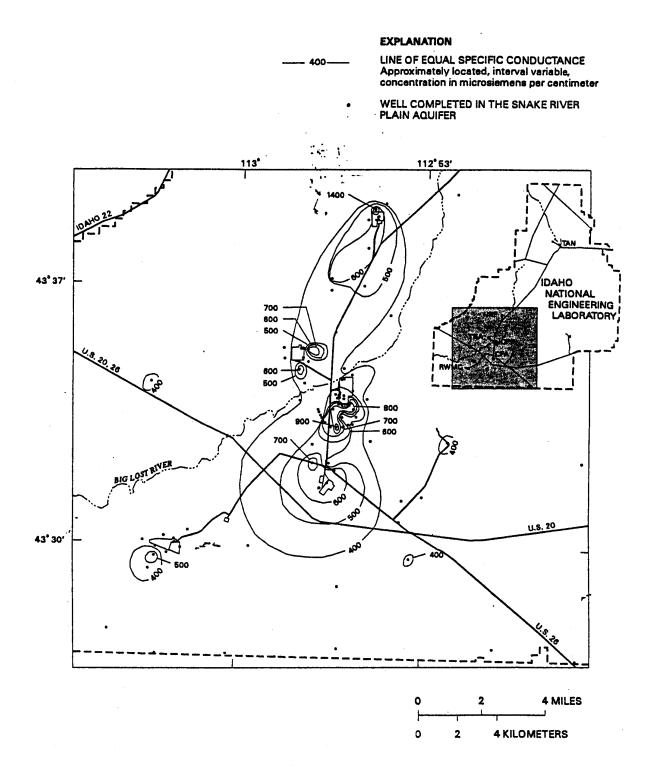


Figure 4-1. Distribution of specific conductance of water from the SRPA at the INEEL, October 1995.

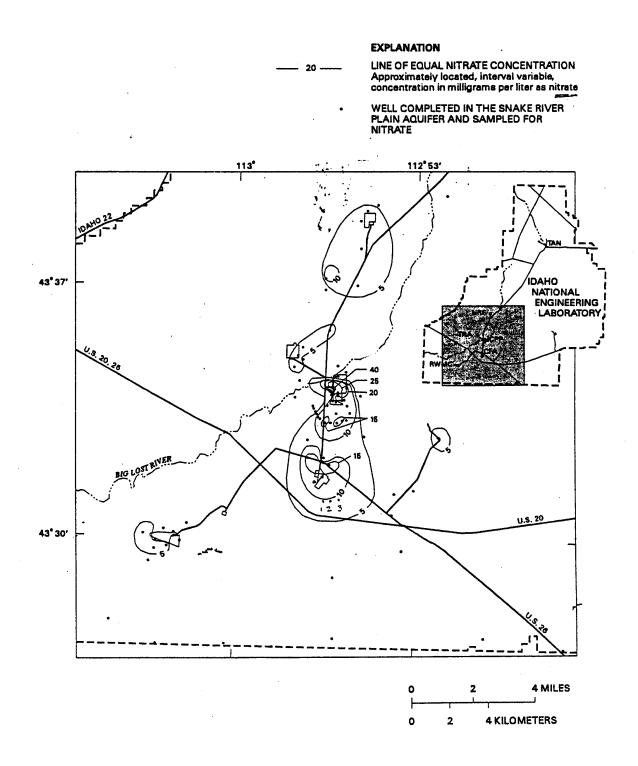


Figure 4-2. Distribution of nitrate in water from the SRPA at the INEEL, October 1995.

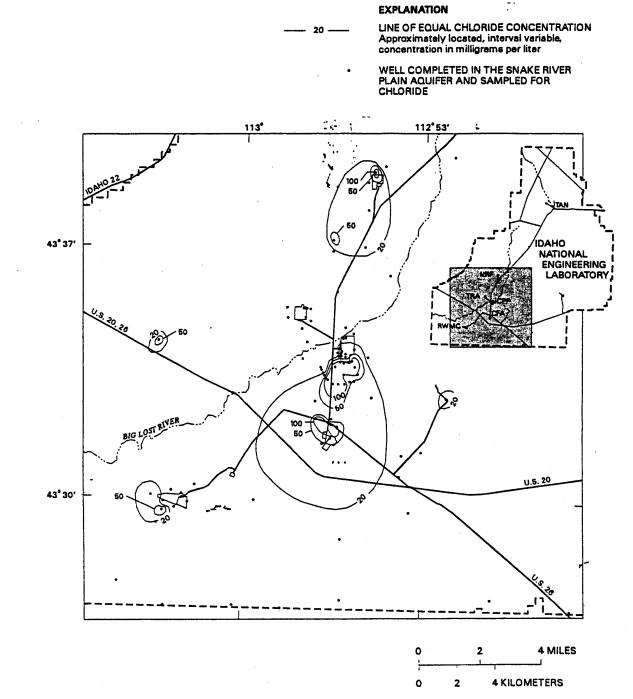


Figure 4-3. Distribution of chloride in water from the SRPA at the INEEL, October 1995.

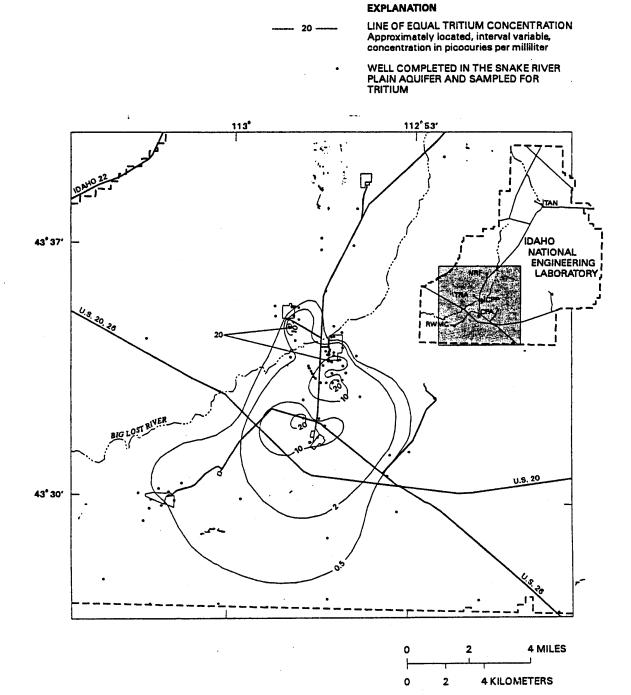


Figure 4-4. Distribution of tritium in water from the SRPA at the INEEL, October 1995.

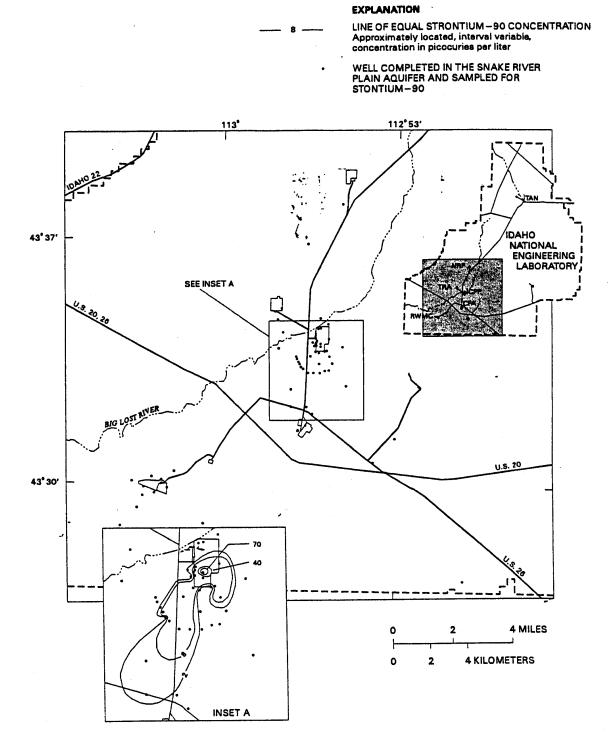
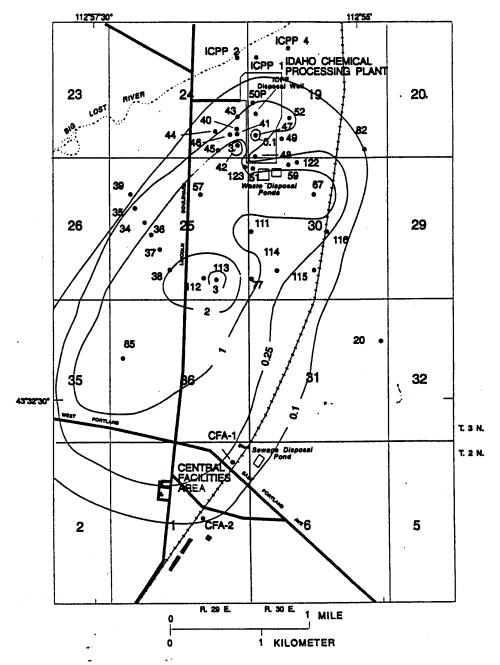


Figure 4-5. Distribution of strontium-90 in water from the SRPA at the INEEL, October 1995.



#### **EXPLANATION**

- \_\_\_\_\_ LINE OF EQUAL IODINE-129 CONCENTRATION--Interval, in picocuries per liter, is variable
  - WELL FROM WHICH WATER SAMPLE FOR IODINE-129 WAS COLLECTED IN 1990-91--Number, 57, is local well identifier; P indicates well obtains water from a perched ground-water zone. See table 2 for iodine-129 concentrations in specific wells

Figure 4-6. Areal distribution of iodine-129 in the SRPA near the ICPP, 1990-91.

Analyses for inorganic compounds also show that no constituents are present above their respective MCLs in groundwater beneath the new facility. The highest measurement for total dissolved solids was 249 mg/L (MCL 500 mg/L). The highest measurement for chloride, although not analyzed during each round in all wells, was 10.9 mg/L (MCL 250 mg/L).

Metals analyses show that results for most constituents were below their respective MCLs. In well ICPP-MON-A-166, March and April 2001 data show that levels of aluminum, manganese, and iron were above the secondary maximum contaminant levels (SMCL). In well ICPP-MON-A-167, levels of aluminum, manganese, and iron exceeded the SMCL in all months. Although the exact source of these detections is unknown, they could be attributed to a combination of natural causes (basalt chemistry) and well construction materials.

Radiological results, when compared to derived concentration guides (DCGs) published in DOE Order 5400.5, show that all isotopic analyses for gamma and alpha emitters were below their respective DCGs. For radiological constituents having a specified MCL, results for beta/photon emitters, strontium-90, and tritium were below their respective MCL. The maximum result for beta/photon emitters was 9.8 pCi/L, which is consistent with concentrations observed in groundwater beneath the INTEC facility, in the service wastestream, and in the raw water supply. The November 2000 and February 2001 gross alpha analyses from ICPP-MON-A-167 may indicate exceedances of the MCL (5 pCi/L). With each of these reported values there is an associated uncertainty. If the uncertainties are taken in to account, the analytical results either drop below or exceed the MCL. Additionally, regulations state that if the gross alpha MCL is exceeded, one must also determine whether Ra-226 and Ra-228, added together, exceed 5 pCi/L. Because this necessary information is not available, one cannot determine, with certainty, if there is a legitimate exceedance of the gross alpha MCL. Additional sampling and analyses are recommended.

# 4.3 Perched Water Monitoring and Sampling

All vadose zone wells and boreholes within the vicinity of the new facility were either dry or unable to yield enough water during the sampling period; therefore, no water samples were collected. Wells installed provide the capability of monitoring perched water occurring at the following depths: 34 - 59 ft bls and 113 - 131 ft bls. During drilling activities, perched water was observed at the following depths: 170, 198, 235, and 299 ft bls.

# 4.4 Sample Analysis and Data Validation

All data are reported as Tier 1 and received Level A validation. All data are entered in the ERIS database and hard copies of data and limitations and validation reports are housed in project management files and the INEEL Hydrologic Data Repository. All documentation relative to data collection and analysis is listed in Section 6, References.

# 4.5 Groundwater Isotope Sampling

Additional groundwater samples were collected from ICPP-MON-A-164C, ICPP-MON-A-165, and ICPP-MON-A-167 and submitted for radiogenic isotopic analysis as part of an ongoing study to characterize the geologic factors that control Snake River Plain Aquifer flow, thickness, and chemistry. Analysis of these samples, representing the last opportunity to collect water from this area prior to the operation of the infiltration ponds, will further understanding of the nature of the aquifer at this part of the INEEL. Although samples have been sent for analyses, results are not expected until April 2002. These data will help interpret and identify preferential flow paths in the Snake River Plain Aquifer system, which is extremely important for understanding contaminant transport. Measurement of radiogenic isotope ratios, specifically <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr, in chemically evolving waters provides a highly effective preferential

flow path indicator or tracer. Slow-flowing zones are identified as lower <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratio areas created by prolonged contact with the host basalts. Faster flowing zones, correspondingly, have higher <sup>87</sup>Sr/<sup>86</sup>Sr ratios. Additionally, <sup>234</sup>U/<sup>238</sup>U ratios are effective groundwater tracers. Commonly, elemental analyses are performed in conjunction with the isotopic analyses (Li, B, Na, Mg, Al, Si, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Rb, Sr, Ba, and U). Compared to elemental concentration data, however, radiogenic isotopes may be more easily interpreted because the effects of water-rock interaction, and the equilibria toward which the isotope ratios evolve, are more predictable (Johnson et al. 2000).

#### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Groundwater beneath the INEEL is protected under the *State of Idaho Groundwater Quality Requirements*, Title 1, Chapter 2, "Idaho Water Quality Standards and Wastewater Treatment Requirements" (IDAPA 58.01.02); Title 1, Chapter 17, "Idaho WLAP Regulation" (IDAPA 58.01.17); Idaho Ground Water Quality Rule (IDAPA 58.01.11); DOE Order 5400.5; and other state and federal requirements. The SRPA is an extremely important fresh water resource in Idaho that yields about  $8.0 \times 10^9$  m<sup>3</sup> (6.5 million acre-ft) of high quality water annually for irrigation, municipal, and industrial uses. In 1991, the aquifer was designated as a sole-source aquifer for the region.

It is the goal of the regulations to maintain "no impact" to groundwater from INEEL activities, including discharges associated with the INTEC SWDF.

## 5.1 Environmental Checklist

On October 6, 1999, the Environmental Checklist for the INTEC Percolation Pond Replacement Project (Appendix E) was approved by the INEEL National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/Environmental Program staff, the DOE Environmental Restoration Program Office, and the DOE NEPA Compliance Office. Potential impacts to air, surface and groundwater, ecological and archaeological resources from construction and operation activities were evaluated. Requirements for operation of the pond include fugitive dust control and a Wastewater Land Application Permit.

# 5.2 Wastewater Land Application Permitting

The State of Idaho guidelines for permitting land application of wastewater are issued under the IDAPA 58.01.17.300.04 and .05. "The Handbook for Land Application of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater" (State of Idaho 1996) also provides information and guidance for permit preparation. Permits are submitted to the State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ). The new INTEC percolation ponds were designed and located to meet all the requirements of the wastewater land application regulations. Additional applicable requirements may be found in the EPA *Process Design Manual for Land Treatment of Municipal Wastewater* (EPA 1981) and the associated supplement *Supplement on Rapid Infiltration and Overland Flow* (EPA 1984).

The WLAP permit for the existing discharge to percolation ponds at the south end of INTEC was extended until December 2003. This permit requires that samples collected from process wastewater prior to discharge to the pond be analyzed for Maximum Allowable Concentration (MAC) Secondary Quality Standards except TDS at 800 mg/L, chloride at 350 mg/L, and excluding radiological parameters and total phosphorous.

On September 10, 2001, wastewater land application permit number LA-000130-03 was issued from the State of Idaho to DOE-ID and BBWI for operation of the INTEC SWDF. The permit expires on October 1, 2006. Compliance monitoring of groundwater was specified for two downgradient aquifer wells and for two perched water wells located immediately adjacent to the facility. The permit requires that samples collected from process wastewater prior to discharge to the pond and all groundwater monitoring points be analyzed for pH, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrate-nitrogen, nitrite-nitrogen, total phosphorous, total dissolved solids, chloride, fluoride, aluminum, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, manganese, mercury, selenium, silver, sodium, gross alpha particle activity (including radium-226, but excluding radon and uranium), combined beta/photon emitters, combined radium 226 and 228, strontium-90, tritium, and iodine-129. Presently, permit number LA-000130-03 is undergoing administrative appeal by DOE-ID (initiated by petition dated 11/8/01) regarding the regulation and monitoring of radionuclides in the service waste stream.

# **5.3 Wellhead Protection and Capture Zones**

An INEEL Wellhead Protection Program transmittal, dated October 16, 1997 (Appendix D), was prepared with the intent of minimizing impact to existing and future operations while establishing a program that improves groundwater protection in cases where a significant risk to INEEL water sources now exists or may exist in the future. Proposed in the document are wellhead protection zones intended to alert INEEL operations and projects personnel to the risks of groundwater and wellhead contamination in certain areas and force the implementation of appropriate controls and policies to ensure that the potential risks are evaluated prior to construction or similar activities. It is not the intent to discontinue or prohibit common INEEL activities within the Wellhead Protection Areas.

Attachment A of the above-referenced transmittal describes the requirements of the DEQ's Plan, discusses the development of the current wellhead protection zones, and addresses future program implementation tasks. Funding for the plan was terminated prior to final acceptance of the document.

Figure 5-1 illustrates the recommended wellhead protection zones for production wells CPP-01, CPP-02, and the Rifle Range Well southwest of the new facility. As shown, the location of the discharge facility lies within the six-year capture zone for the Rifle Range Well.

#### 5.4 Storm Water

The INEEL must comply with the EPA Administered Permit Programs: (1) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 122), "Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities" (EPA 1995) issued by the EPA, and (2) modifications issued on September 30, 1998 (EPA 1998). [Note: On October 30, 2000, the EPA reissued the NPDES Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities. Under this issuance, the INEEL submitted a request for coverage on January 29, 2001.] EPA's recommended approach to storm water management is through the use of storm water pollution prevention plans designed to prevent or minimize the pollution of storm water. As storm water flows over surfaces where industrial or construction activities are taking place, there is the potential for contaminants to be picked up by the water and transported to a receiving stream, which then flows to the Big Lost River. Requirements of the General Permit are applied to activities within the area of potential storm water drainage to the Big Lost River. Figure 5-2 shows an approximate area, containing the new facility, where storm water has a reasonable potential to drain to the Big Lost River System (Bennett 1990).

The Storm Water Program will manage activities that fall within the regulatory definition of *storm* water discharge associated with industrial activity. Examples of activities associated with the new facility that fall under the regulatory definition of an industrial activity include operation of the ponds after construction, geotechnical investigations with minimal disturbance, archaeological investigations with minimal disturbance, and borrow source operation. Industrial activities are addressed in the *INEEL Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Industrial Activities* (SWPPP-IA) (DOE-ID 2001).

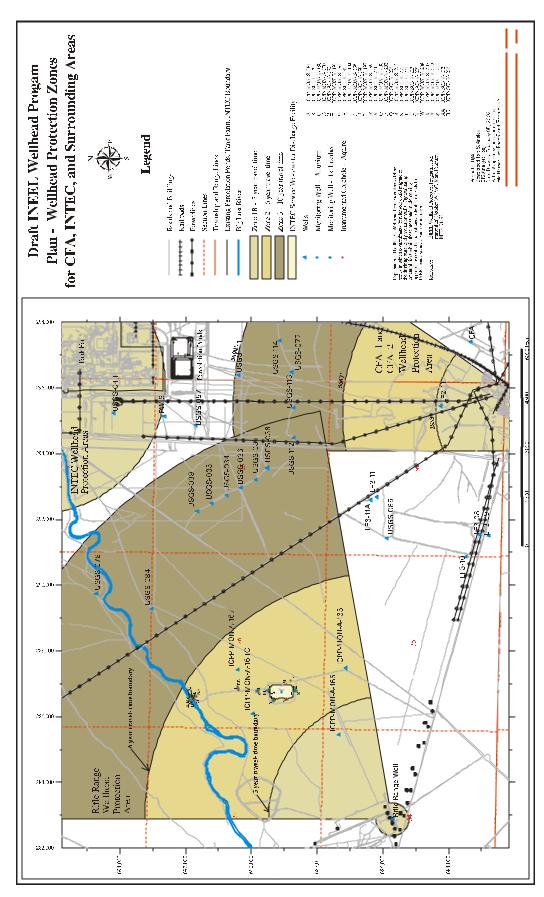


Figure 5-1. Wellhead protection zones for CFA and INTEC potable water wells.

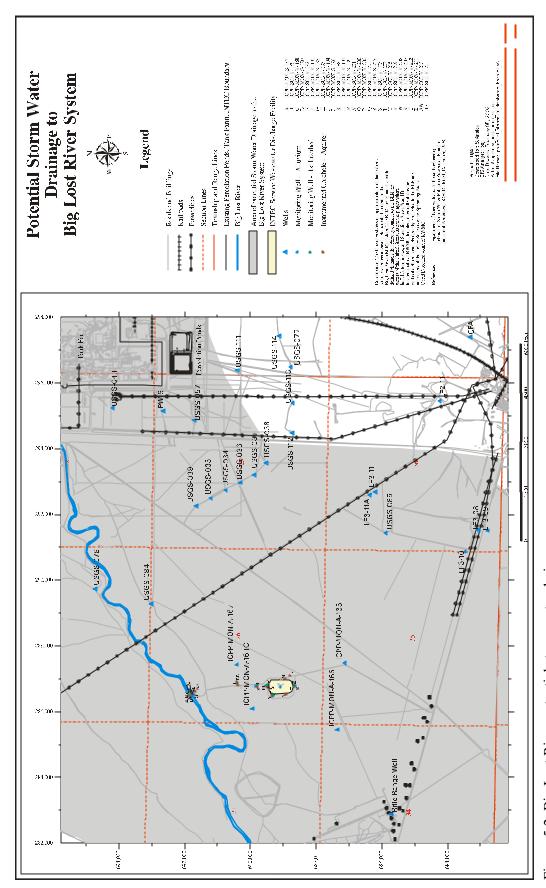


Figure 5-2. Big Lost River potential storm water drainage areas.

## 5.5 DOE Order 5400.1 Requirements

The DOE Order 5400.1, "General Environmental Protection Program," establishes environmental program requirements, authorities, and responsibilities for Department of Energy operations for assuring compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental protection laws and regulations, executive orders, and internal department policies. Therefore, it is DOE policy to ensure all operations are conducted within compliance and according to good environmental management practices. Additionally, DOE is committed to correct existing environmental problems, to minimize risks to the environment or public health, and anticipate and address potential environmental problems before they pose a threat to the quality of the environment or the public welfare.

Chapter IV, Section 3, of DOE Order 5400.1 requires that an environmental study shall be conducted prior to start up of a new site, facility, or process that has the potential for significant adverse environmental impact. The preoperational study should begin not less that 1 year, and preferably 2 years before start up to evaluate seasonal changes. The study shall serve to: characterize existing physical, chemical, and biological conditions that could be affected; establish background levels of radioactive and chemical components; characterize pertinent environmental and ecologic parameters; and identify potential pathways for human exposure or environmental impact as a basis for determining the nature and extent of the subsequent routine operational and emergency effluent monitoring and environmental surveillance programs. Where time and circumstances do not allow for completion of preoperational monitoring prior to start-up, it shall be conducted concurrent with work on the new site, facility, or process. The preoperational study shall be consistent with NEPA compliance activities. Where appropriate, activities and documentation conducted for NEPA compliance may substitute for compliance with this requirement. [Note: Although NEPA is not performed for CERCLA activities, CERCLA performs an "equivalent" evaluation through the CERCLA process.]

Pertinent to the INTEC SWDF, effluent monitoring must be able to: 1) verify compliance with applicable federal, state, and local effluent regulations and DOE orders; 2) determine compliance with commitments made in an EIS, EA, or other official documentation; 3) evaluate the effectiveness of effluent treatment and control; 4) identify potential environmental problems and evaluate the need for remedial actions or mitigation measures; 5) support permit revision and/or reissuance; and 6) detect, characterize, and report unplanned releases. All monitoring data shall be maintained as auditable records in accordance with the requirements of DOE O 414.1A. Additionally, environmental surveillance activities, specifically ambient groundwater and effluent water quality monitoring shall be conducted to: 1) characterize and define trends in the physical, chemical, and biological condition of environmental media; 2) establish baselines of environmental quality; 3) provide a continuing assessment of water pollution control programs; 4) identify new water quality problems; and 5) detect, characterize, and report unplanned releases and their effects on water quality. Ambient water quality monitoring serves to confirm compliance with the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1251 et seg.). Specifically, groundwater quality monitoring, in addition to the above information, will: 1) provide data to permit the early detection of groundwater pollution or contamination; 2) provide a reporting mechanism for detected groundwater pollution or contamination; 3) provide data upon which decisions can be made concerning land disposal practices and the management and protection of groundwater resources; and 4) identify existing and potential groundwater contamination sources and to maintain surveillance of these sources.

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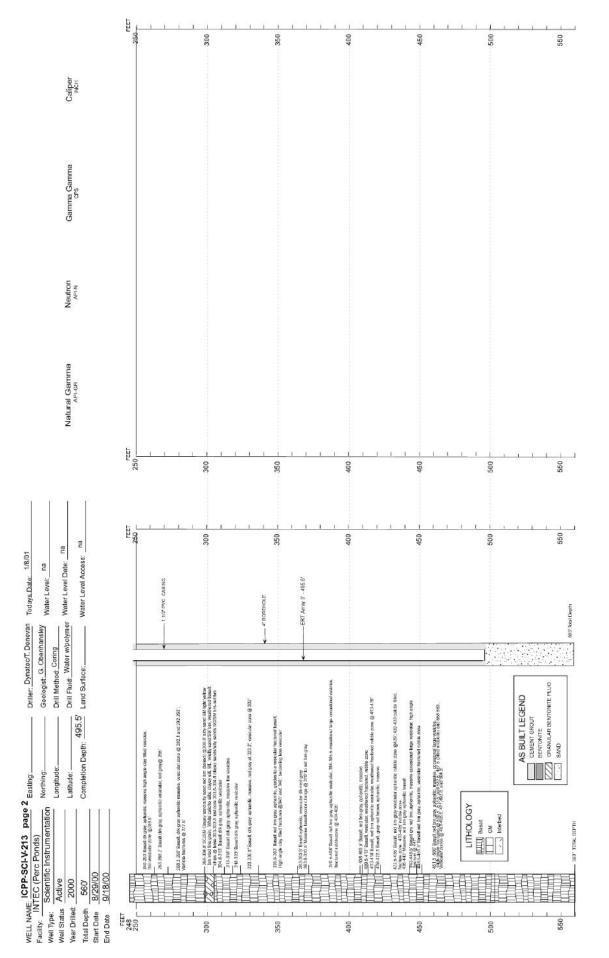
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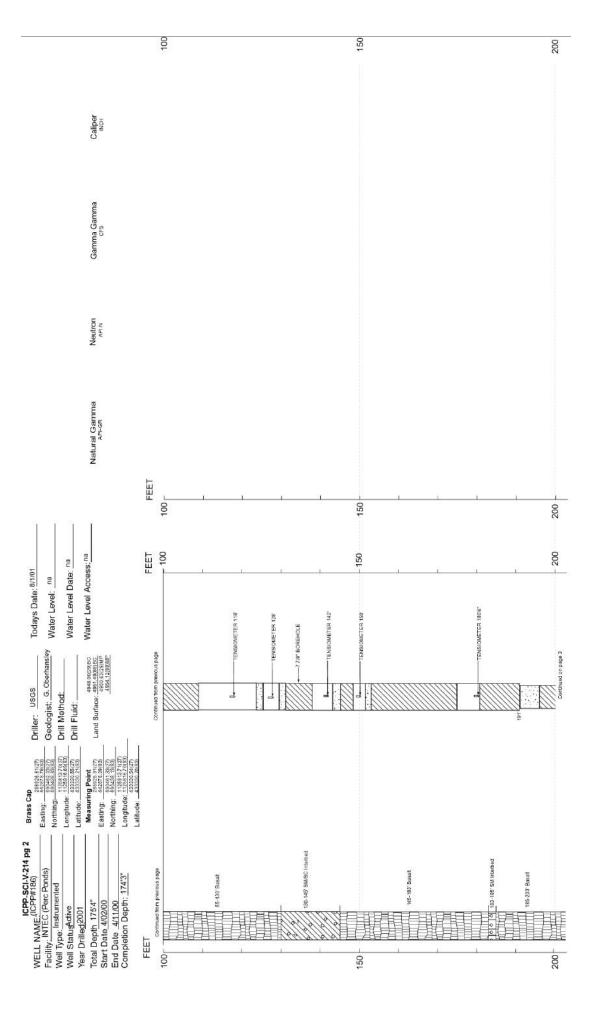
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## Appendix A Well and Borehole Completion Reports

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# Appendix B Letter Report – Perched Water



# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date:

March 7, 2001

To:

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From:

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Subject:

EVALUATION OF PERCHED WASTE AT THE INTEC WASTEWATER

DISCHARGE FACILITY

This letter report presents the compilation and evaluation of data in support of the DOE/ID response to the State of Idaho draft permit for the INTEC Wastewater Discharge Facility. Compliance monitoring at the perched water does not provide an adequate measure of impacts to the Snake River Plain Aquifer. The State of Idaho Handbook for Land Application of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater (1996) states that "ground water compliance monitoring points must be established at locations most likely to provide a reliable and representative measure of the compliance of a wastewater-land application treatment system with the water quality standards and the WLAP permit conditions". The Snake River Plain aquifer is the water resource that we are trying to protect. Measurement of the impact of the ponds on the Snake River Plain aquifer, and requiring compliance in the Snake River Plain aquifer, is the way to assure that the resource is protected for future beneficial uses.

Any man-made perched water bodies associated with the percolation ponds are dependent upon the volume of water discharged to the ponds. In order to be available for beneficial use, a water body must be continually saturated and productive. Pond associated-perched water will gradually drain away when discharges to the ponds are ended, and will therefore not be available for beneficial use. In addition, perched water quality immediately adjacent to the pond in the surficial alluvium and shallow perched water zones will rapidly match effluent quality making perched water monitoring redundant to effluent monitoring. The regulations do not give the State the authority (with very minor exceptions) to regulate discharge to the pond. Therefore, the State may not have the authority to require monitoring of the perched water in the immediate vicinity of the pond.

Natural perched water capable of exploitation for beneficial use beneath the new percolation ponds is associated with flow in the Big Lost River. When the river is flowing, there are shallow perched water bodies within the alluvium and at depths near 150-170 ft bls in basalt. Without flow in the channel, the perched water begins to drain. As observed, within 6 months of the last recorded flow, the upper 170 ft of the vadose zone is drained. Therefore, shallow perched water bodies are a very intermittent phenomenon and do not provide a reliable resource for beneficial use. After 9 months, water persists at a depth of 300 ft bls. This deeper perched water may persist for longer time periods, but probably does not represent a viable water supply for beneficial use.

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When aquifer monitoring wells were drilled in the Spring of 2000, copious quantities of water entered boreholes near the Big Lost River channel at various depths. Downhole video logs show water cascading from the borehole walls at 170, 198, and 235 ft bls. In ICPP-MON-A-164B, the quantity of water entering the hole was so great that the video picture was obscured (March 2000). Drilling to the 150-170 ft interbed in the fall and winter of 2000-2001 (flow in the Big Lost River channel has been zero since the end of May 2000) found much smaller quantities of water. In January 2001, perched water was detected in two monitoring wells completed within this zone. When these two wells were measured a month later, the wells were dry.

Perched water, whether derived from the Big Lost River or the percolation ponds, migrates downward to the Snake River Plain Aquifer. Water added to the vadose zone from the ponds or from the Big Lost River, will migrate to the aquifer long before the time that the INEEL is released for unrestricted use. A future land owner attempting to use perched water for a beneficial use would be using water that entered the vadose zone from future flow in the Big Lost River channel, not from the ponds. Water in the vadose zone during pond operations, which the State proposes to monitor for compliance, has no possible future beneficial use in the vadose zone. Only after it has migrated to the aquifer, will it be available for beneficial use.

For clarification, definitions of beneficial use, beneficial uses of groundwater, and waters of the State are provided below.

### Beneficial use:

Source: State of Idaho Handbook for the Land Application of Waste Water
Definition: "Any of the various uses which may be made of the water of Idaho, including,
but not limited to, domestic water supplies, industrial water supplies, agricultural water
supplies, navigation, recreation in and on the water, wildlife habitat, and aesthetics. The
beneficial use is dependent upon actual use, the ability of the water to support a nonexisting use either now or in the future, and its likelihood of being used in a given manner.
The use of water for the purpose of wastewater dilution or as a receiving water for a waste
treatment facility effluent is not a beneficial use."

# Beneficial uses of ground water:

Source: State of Idaho Handbook for the Land Application of Waste Water
Definition: "Various uses of ground water in Idaho including, but not limited to, domestic
water supplies, industrial water supplies, agricultural water supplies, aquacultural supplies
and mining. A beneficial use is defined by actual current uses or future uses of the ground
water."

# Waters of the State of Idaho:

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources

Definition: "all surface or ground water located within the boundaries of Idaho or in boundary streams, rivers, and lakes." Note: The focus of this definition is that it includes all water within the State that has not yet been diverted into a well or a diversion system for use by a valid water right (G. Sehlke).

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# Recommendations

Recommendations for responding to the State of Idaho conditional draft permit for the new percolation ponds are:

- groundwater compliance monitoring points for the INEEL Wastewater Discharge Facility should be in the Snake River Plain Aquifer in wells ICPP-MON-A-165 and ICPP-MON-A-166, downgradient of the facility boundary with upgradient background data obtained from ICPP-MON-A-167B;
- perched water monitoring for observation only could be a condition of the permit for the new ponds as a compromise.

If the State insists on compliance monitoring of the perched water, then some rationale or justification would have to be provided by them for which zone represented water with a potential future beneficial use. After the pond begins operating, there will likely be perched water zones forming in the surficial alluvium, at the 150-180-ft depth, and around 300 ft bls. However, at depths less than 200 ft, perched water does not carry over from year to year and so does not provide a reliable water supply for beneficial use. Only at depths of 300 ft is perched water present for at least 9 months after flow ceases in the Big Lost River.

Observational monitoring of the perched water may be presented as an alternative to compliance monitoring. In general, we do not recommend collecting data that do not support decision making. However, attaching a value other than compliance to such data may provide a negotiating point with the State. Information to be gained from monitoring the perched water zone(s) includes: 1) demonstrating the attenuation of chemicals discharged to the pond as they infiltrate to the aquifer; 2) demonstrating that infiltrate does not leach contaminants from the vadose zone; 3) measuring contaminant build-up from wastewater infiltration; and 4) measuring contaminant migration rates. All vadose zone wells could be instrumented for water level monitoring beginning with the start-up of discharge to the ponds. A periodic monitoring program (quarterly?) would sample and analyze standing water in the monitoring wells during the first two years of operation. If the perched water zones match the effluent to the pond, and changing conditions are not observed, then this quaterly monitoring could be discontinued or the frequency reduced.

#### 1. Supporting Data

The following paragraphs contain supporting data regarding the issue of perched water beneath the new percolation ponds. Much of the stratigraphic and perched water information was provided by wells drilled for the INEEL Vadose Zone Research Park. Big Lost River flow data were obtained from the USGS Water Resources Division in Idaho Falls.

The INEEL Vadose Zone Research Park encompasses the location of the new percolation ponds and is coordinated by the INEEL Subsurface Science Program, the Manager of Environmental Monitoring, and the Geosciences organization. This effort supports the role of the INEEL as the lead laboratory for vadose zone science. Current funding for the park is supporting the installation of approximately 26 wells; each designed as a monitoring well, an instrumented borehole, or a geophysical borehole. Drilling is ongoing and scheduled for completion during the summer of 2001. The information obtained during the drilling, logging, and installation of these wells, in addition to four aquifer wells installed in 2000, provides valuable information on the stratigraphy and hydrology beneath the new facility. Figure A shows the locations of vadoze zone wells associated with the research park and aquifer wells constructed to collect background water quality data. Table A summarizes the wells completed to date and Attachment A contains well diagrams and lithologic logs.

The closest USGS flow monitoring stations along the Big Lost River channel are station 13132520 (upstream of the new facility but below the INEEL Diversion) and station 13132535 (downstream at the Lincoln Boulevard Bridge). Water year 1999 and 2000 flow data for these stations are presented in Figure B. Figure C presents flow history of the river as measured at station 13132520 from July 1984 to October 1999.

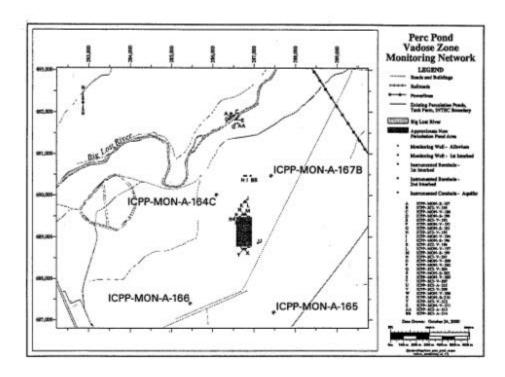


Figure A. Locations of wells around the new INTEC percolation ponds.

Table A. Wells completed as of February 2001 – INTEC Service Waste Discharge Facility

	_	Discharge	e Facility							
Date Drilled (mo/yr)	Map Code	Well ID number (ICPP-XXX-	Subsurface Completion Zone*	Well Type <sup>b</sup>	Drilled Depth (ft)	Completion Interval (ft)	nterval Completion		ater Level (ft bmp)	5
	7	X-XXX)			- 11	7.8		Jan 2001	Feb	2001
9/00	A	MON-S-187	AL	MW	49.4	43-48.1	PVC casing/screen			
10000000	В	SCI-V-189	FI	IB		Not comp	leted			
9/00	С	MON-V-188	F1	MW	120.5	114.8-119.8	PVC casing/screen	dry	d	ry
9/00	D	MON-S-190	AL	MW	40	34.05-39.2	PVC casing/screen			27
9/00		MON-S-190A	AL	MW			PVC casing/screen			
	E	SCI-V-192	FI	IB		Not comp	leted			
9/00	F	MON-V-191	FI	MW	119.6	113.7-118.7	PVC casing/screen	dry	d	ry
8/00	G	MON-S-193	AL	MW	43	35.2-40.2	PVC casing/screen			
	Н	SCI-V-195	FI	IB		Not comp	leted			
9/00	I	MON-V-194	FI	MW	163	123-128	PVC casing/screen	133	d	ry
10/00	J	MON-S-196	AL	MW	60	53.4-58.4	PVC casing/screen			
0.00	K	SCI-V-198	F1	IB		Not comp	leted			-7.
10/00	L	MON-V-197	FI	MW	126.3	120.8-125.8	PVC casing/screen	dry	d	ry
10/00	M	MON-S-199	AL	MW	51.6	46-51	PVC casing/screen			8
	N	SCI-V-201	SI	GP		Not comp				
	0	MON-V-200	F1	MW	128.2	122-127	PVC casing/screen	dry	d	ry
	P	MON-V-202	FI	MW	136	126.3-131.3	PVC casing/screen	121	d	ry
		MON-V- 202A	FI	MW	123.7	117.5-122.5	PVC casing/screen			
	Q	SCI-V-204	FI	IB		Not comp	leted		100	
	R	MON-S-203	AL	MW	54	47-52	PVC casing/screen			
	S	MON-V-205	FI	IB		Not comp	leted			
	T	SCI-V-207	FI	IB		Not comp	leted			
	V	SCI-V-209	SI	GP		Not comp	leted			
10000	W	MON-V-208	FI	MW		Not comp	leted			
10/00	X	MON-S-210	AL	MW	62	54.3-59.3	PVC casing/screen			
	Y	SCI-V-212	SI	GP		Not comp	leted			
10/00	Z	MON-V-211	FI	MW	130.5	123.9-128.9	PVC casing/screen	dry	d	ry
	Core 1	SCI-A-215	DI	IB		Not comp	leted			
	Core 2	SCI-V-214	DI	IB		Not comp	leted			
9/00	Core 3	SCI-V-213	DI	GP	560	na	PVC casing/screen			
6/00 VL6/00	1	MON-A- 164C	AQ	MW	550	487-527	SS casing/screen	493.2 11/14/00	498.3 1/9/01	481.2 2/6/0
4/00 VL5/00	2	MON-A-165	AQ	MW	555	485-525	SS casing/screen	495.8 11/14/00	469.9 1/9/01	496.2 2/7/0
3-4/00 VL4/00	3	MON-A-166	AQ	MW	547	487-527	SS casing/screen	495 10/30/00	ns	ns
5/00 VL6/00	4	MON-A- 167B	AQ	MW	543	462-502	SS casing/screen	492.8 11/29/00	492.9 1/9/01	492.8 2/6/0

AL = alluvium
FI = first interbed
SI = second interbed
AQ = aquifer
DI = deep interbed

ns – not sampled na – not applicable VL – video log taken

b. MW = monitoring well IB = instrumented borehole GP = geophysical borehole

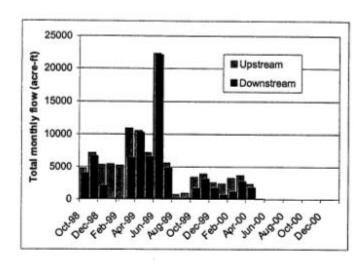


Figure B. Monthly discharge in the Big Lost River upstream and downstream of the site of the new INTEC percolation ponds for water years 1999 and 2000.

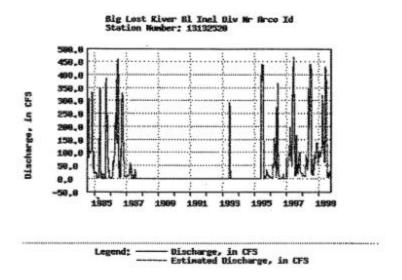


Figure C. Daily average discharge in the Big Lost River upstream of the new INTEC percolatin ponds from July 1984 to October 1999.

Measurements of perched water in completed wells occurred in January and February 2001. In wells completed in the first interbed located approximately 150-170 ft bls, all but two wells were dry during two measurement events. Water was detected in ICPP-MON-V-194 in January 2001. Approximately 10 ft of standing water was measured in ICPP-MON-V-202 during the same month. However, during the second measurement event in February 2001, the standing water in both wells had dissipated and the wells were dry. Geologist logs of these holes only note cuttings as being slightly moist during drilling and video logs of the open holes were not available. These detections of water, although suggesting the presence of perched water, could be attributed to the Big Lost River or to water injected into the boreholes during drilling. Two coreholes in the vicinity of the new ponds were drilled by the USGS (USGS-185 and USGS-186, not shown on Figure A) in the fall of 2000. The video log for USGS-186 (the closer of the two to the Big Lost River channel) showed water entering the hole at the 299-ft level in October 2000 and in February 2001. This implies that perched water is still present beneath the new ponds at a depth of approximately 300 ft bls.

Knowledge of the lateral extent of perched water originating from both the BLR and the percolation ponds may provide some information regarding the interaction and relative impacts each perched water body may have on the other. Such impacts may include dilution of the contaminants in the percolation pond-derived perched water and a greater areal boundary of the combined perched water bodies. There have been no measured or modeled predictions of perched water extent from Big Lost River infiltration during channel flow. However, perched water was observed in video logs of boreholes ICPP-MON-A-164 (A, B, and C) and ICPP-MON-A-167 at depths of 170, 198, and 235 ft bls. At their shortest distance, these wells are located approximately 800 and 1700 ft, respectively, from the Big Lost River channel. Perching water at a depth of 299 ft bls was also observed in the video logs of corehole USGS-186, located approximately 3200 ft from the channel. A radius of 1900-ft from the center of the currently-used ponds (south of the INTEC facility) approximately encompasses the measured lateral extent of perched water. WAG-3 OU3-13 modeling predicted a lateral spread radius of 4000 ft from the center of the ponds. However, a more realistic estimate of the lateral spread radius is approximately 1500-1900 ft from the center of the ponds (DOE/ID 1999).

Preliminary stratigraphic cross-sections through the new facility are presented in Attachment B. Because few of the boreholes were geophysically logged after drilling, cross-sections were constructed using lithologic descriptions from geologist logs. More detailed information, as obtained, will be incorporated in the future. The thickness of surficial alluvium at the new facility ranges from 40 ft to 60 ft. Interbeds occurring between 80-90 ft, 117-152 ft, 180-236 ft, and 320-330 ft bls may be continuous across the area covered by the well field. Additional interbeds observed in some boreholes between 275-308 ft and 425-475 ft bls may be discontinuous across the area. Two deep coreholes, USGS-185 and USGS-186, were drilled by the US Geological Survey near the new ponds (not shown on the map). Although both holes have been logged for geophysical properties, none of the core has been logged for lithologic identification. Interbed materials collected during all drilling operations have not been analyzed for hydraulic or physical properties.

The following well-specific summaries are notes compiled from geologist and field team leader logbooks relative to water detected in the boreholes during drilling and well construction. All wells drilled after ICPP-MON-A-164A were drilled with water injected into the borehole. In most cases, the notes are cryptic and provide limited information on the conditions of the borehole.

#### ICPP-MON-A-164A (drilled 1-2/00?)

45-46 ft bls some water above bedrock Notes recorded on 1-5-00 indicate water at 40 ft 158 ft bls wet clay 177 ft bls very wet rubble zone

#### ICPP-MON-A-164B (drilled 2/00?)

122 ft bls water on top of basalt, in rubble above interbed 125-140 ft bls interbed

139 ft bls damp red clay

#### Video log taken 2 &3/00

Standing water in the hole at 117 ft bls. Hole cased and drilling continued. Water observed dripping down the inside of the casing beginning at 130 ft. At 170 ft bls, voluminous amounts of water cascading down the borehole. Further visual observation obscured.

#### ICPP-MON-A-164C (drilled 6/00)

No mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### Video log taken 6/00

Wet borehole walls from 110 ft to 235 ft bls. Cascading water from the 235-ft zone down to total depth.

#### ICPP-MON-A-165 (drilled 4/00)

No mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### Video taken 5/00

Wet borehole walls were observed at 231, 271, 375, 391, and 412 ft bls. No cascading water.

#### ICPP-MON-A-166 (drilled 3-4/00)

440 ft bls dampness

#### Video log taken 4/00

No visible cascading water. At 295 ft bls, borehole walls looked more wet and at 437 ft bls they were very wet. The borehole was not cleaned out after drilling; consequently, mud cake on the borehole walls prevented further observation.

#### ICPP-MON-A-167 (drilled 5/00)

No mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### Video log taken 6/00

Water cascading from borehole walls at 198 ft bls, approximate location of bottom of stabilization casing down to total depth. Oxidized basalt at 260, 306, and 320 ft bls may indicate water sources however, it was impossible to distinguish from water originating from above.

#### ICPP-MON-S-187 (drilled 9/00)

No mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### ICPP-MON-S-190 (drilled 9/00)

No mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### ICPP-MON-S-190A (drilled 9/00)

No mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### ICPP-MON-S-193 (drilled 8/00)

41 ft bls basalt

#### ICPP-MON-S-196 (drilled 10/00)

38 ft bls moist/wet

40 ft bls moist

45 ft bls moist

51 ft bls dry

53 ft bls dry

#### ICPP-MON-S-199 (drilled 10/00)

10 ft bls slightly moist

15 ft bls slightly moist

20 ft bls dry

25 ft bls dry

30 ft bls slightly moist

40 ft bls dry

45 ft bls dry

50 ft bls dry

#### ICPP-MON-S-210 (drilled 10/00)

Entire hole moist to slightly moist

#### ICPP-MON-V-188 (drilled 9/00)

57-72 ft bls moist sediments/clay

88-90 ft bls moist clay

#### ICPP-MON-V-191 (drilled 9/00)

60 ft bls moist sediments

115 ft bls moist

117 ft bls moist clay

#### ICPP-MON-V-194 (drilled 9/00)

40 ft bls slightly moist

52-53 ft bls slightly moist

97 ft bls slightly moist 100 ft bls slightly moist 125 ft bls slightly moist

#### ICPP-MON-V-197 (drilled 10/00)

15 ft bls moist 20-56 ft bls moist 56-106 ft bls dry 106-118.5 ft bls moist 120 ft bls wet 125 ft bls moist

#### ICPP-MON-V-211 (drilled 10/00)

5 ft bls slightly moist
10 ft bls slightly moist
25 ft bls slightly moist
45-47 ft bls near top of interbed, moist
110 ft bls very moist
125 ft bls slightly moist
127 ft bls slightly moist
129 ft bls moist

#### ICPP-SCI-A-213 (drilled 9/00)

58 ft bls moist interbed (gamma log shows interbed at 57-66 ft bls) No other mention of water or wetness in the borehole during drilling

#### ICPP-SCI-V-195 (drilled 1/01)

Drilling of well 195, attempt at core recovery (January 31, 2001) was unsuccessful because the sediment in the 140-150 ft interbed was too dry to be held in place within the core barrel during extraction of the drill string.

## USGS-185 (drilled 9/00, not shown on the map but located approximately 310 ft northeast of ICPP-MON-V-211)

#### Video logs taken September 2000 and February 2001

9/00 = 108 ft bis, borehole walls very wet

157 ft bls, water seeping in through casing joint (after cased)

220 ft bis, wet borehole walls

274-289 ft bls, very wet borehole walls

310 ft bis, wet borehole walls

321 ft bls, very wet walls

2/01 - 214-224 ft bls, wet and dripping down borehole walls

280-307 ft bls, wet borehole walls

## USGS-186 (drilled 10/00, not shown on map but located approximately 100 ft east of ICPP-MON-V-194)

#### Videos log taken October 2000 and February 2001

10/00 -190-299 ft bls, very wet borehole walls

299 ft bls, water squirting into borehole from 1 spot

299 ft to water table, walls very wet

2/01 - 204 ft bls, walls moist

218-242 ft bls, moist with rivulets of water along borehole wall

248 ft bls, wet fractures but dry walls

298 ft bls, wet walls

299 ft bls, water still squirting into borehole from 1 spot

299-489 ft bls, borehole walls moist to wet with some dripping

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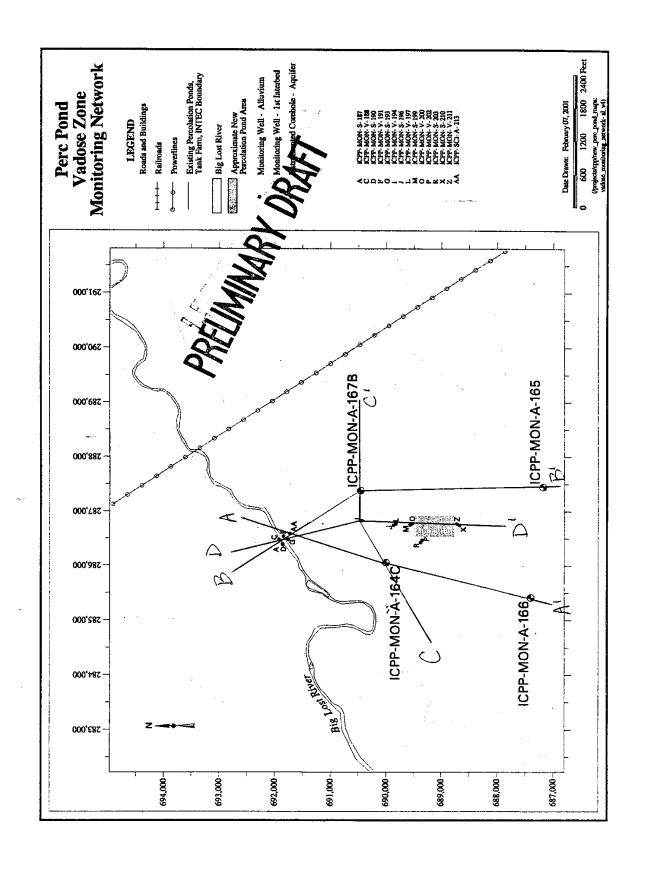
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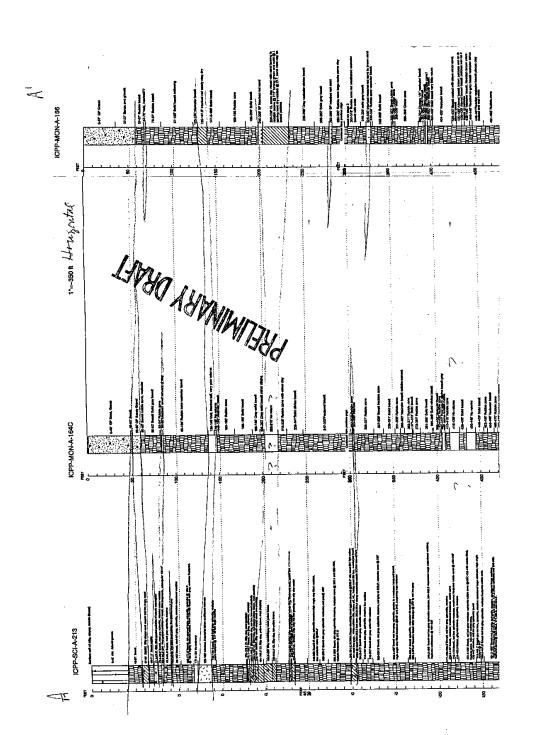
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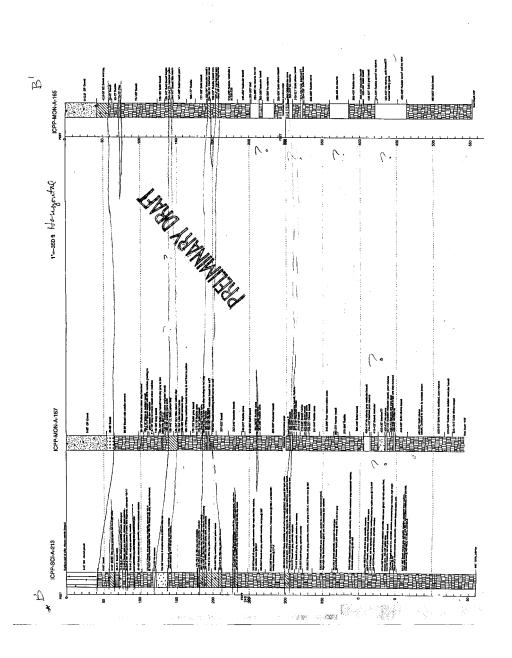
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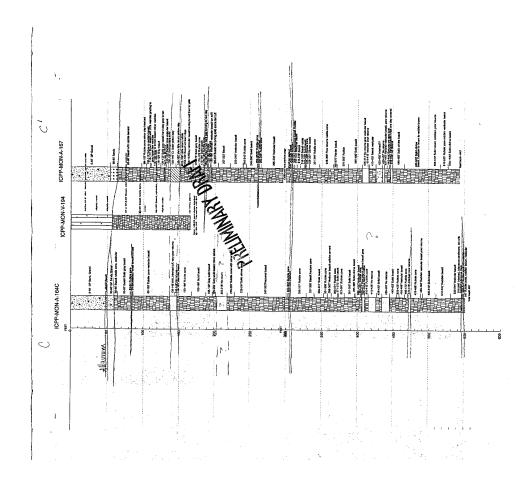
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### **Attachments**









# Appendix C Preoperational Groundwater Data

#### **NOTES**

#### General:

- NS not sampled
- TAL target analyte list
- CLP Contract Laboratory Program
- LQF Laboratory-Assigned Concentration Qualifier Flags
- VQF Validator-Assigned Data Qualifier Flags
- COL/DL coliform per deciliter

#### **Inorganic Data:**

- LQF: B Value was obtained from a reading that was less than the Contract Required Detection Limit but greater than or equal to the Instrument Detection Limit.
  - U Analyte was analyzed for but not detected.
  - E The reported value is estimated because of the presence of interference.
- VQF: U The material was analyzed for and was detected at or above the applicable detection limit, but the associated value was less than 5 times the highest positive amount in any laboratory blank.
  - UJ The material was analyzed for, but was not detected.
  - J The material was analyzed for and was detected at or above the applicable detection limit but the associated value is an estimate and may be inaccurate or imprecise.
  - R The accuracy of the data is so questionable that it is recommended the data not be used.

#### **Organic Data:**

- LQF: U Compound was analyzed for but not detected.
  - J Estimated value.
  - B Analyte is found in the associated blank as well as the sample.
  - E Concentration of compound exceeded the calibration range of the GC or GC/MS instrument for that specific analysis.
- VQF: U Material was analyzed for but not detected. The associated numerical value is the sample quantitation limit.
  - J Associated numerical value is an estimated quantity
  - R The data are unusable.
  - UJ The material was analyzed for, but was not detected. The sample quantitation limit is an estimated quantity.

#### Radiochemistry Data:

- VQF: U The analysis was performed, but no radioactivity was detected (i.e., the radioanalytical result was not statistically positive at the 95% confidence level) meaning the radionuclide is not considered to be present in the sample.
  - UJ The analysis was performed and the result is highly questionable due to serious analytical error and/or laboratory quality control anomalies. Use of data is strongly discouraged.
  - J-The analysis was performed and radioactivity was detected (i.e., the radioanalytical result was statistically positive at the 95% confidence level), however, the result is questionable due to analytical and/or laboratory quality control anomalies and should therefore be used only as an estimated quantity.
  - R The analysis result is unusable and was rejected due to severe analytical and/or quality control problems.

Table C-1. Baseline groundwater data for Well ICPP-MON-A-164C.

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001			
Miscellaneous Inorganics	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)			
Alkalinity	149	148	144	144			
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	U	9.14B	3.60B	NS			
Bromide	NS	NS	U	NS			
Chloride	NS	NS	5.8	NS			
Chromium hexavalent	NS	R	U	NS			
Fecal Coliform (COL/DL)	None	None	None	NS			
Total Coliform (COL/DL)	None	None	950	NS			
Fluoride	NS	NS	0.22	NS			
Nitrate (mg N/L)	0.4	0.45	0.46	NS			
Nitrite (mg N/L)	U	U	U	NS			
Nitrogen, Ammonia (as N)	U	U	U	U			
Nitrogen, Nitrate-Nitrite (as N)	0.484	0.486	0.496	0.482			
Phosphate	NS	NS	U	NS			
Phosphorous, Total (as P)	0.0486	0.0361	0.0414	0.0262			
Sulfate	NS	NS	22.2	NS			
Total Dissolved Solids	210	217	214	151			
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	U	0.132	U	U			
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)			
Aluminum	U	U	U	U			
Antimony	U	U	U	U			
Arsenic	0.006	U	U	U			
Barium	0.0764	0.0697	0.0671	0.071			
Beryllium	U	U	U	U			
Boron	0.0348	U	U	U			
Cadmium	U	U	U	U			
Calcium	47.3	45.3	43.1	45.2			
Chromium	0.006	U	U	U			
Cobalt	U	U	U	U			
Copper	0.0053	0.0063	U	U			
Iron	0.117	0.130	U	U			
Lead	U	U	U	U			
Lithium	U	U	U	U			
Magnesium	12.1	11.4	10.8	11.6			

Table C-1. (continued).

-	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001			
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)			
Manganese	0.005	0.0181	U	0.0092B			
Mercury	U	U	U	U			
Nickel	U	0.0112	U	0.0069B			
Potassium	2.09B	2.03B	1.69B	1.94B			
Selenium	U	U	U	U			
Silicon	10.1	9.79	9.8	10.1			
Silver	U	U	U	U			
Sodium	6.84	6.58	6.24	6.37			
Strontium	0.273	0.251	0.245	0.258			
Thallium	U	U	U	U			
Vanadium	U	U	U	U			
Zinc	0.0113	0.0136	U	0.0051B			
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)			
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	U	U	U	U			
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	U	U	U	U			
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	U	U	U	U			
1,1-Dichloroethane	U	U	U	U			
1,1-Dichloroethene	U	U	U	U			
1,2-Dichloroethane	U	U	U	U			
1,2-Dichloroethene (Total)	U	U	U	U			
1,2-Dichloropropane	U	U	U	U			
2-Butanone	R	R	U	U			
2-Hexanone	U	U	U	U			
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	U	U	U	U			
Acetone	U	U	U	U			
Benzene	U	U	U	U			
Bromodichloromethane	U	U	U	U			
Bromoform	U	U	U	U			
Bromomethane	U	U	U	U			
Carbon disulfide	U	U	U	U			
Carbon tetrachloride	U	U	U	U			
Chlorobenzene	U	U	U	U			
Chloroethane	U	U	U	U			
Chloroform	U	U	U	U			
Chloromethane	U	U	U	U			

Table C-1. (continued).

-	Sample Dates							
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001				
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)				
Dibromochloromethane	U	U	U	U				
Ethylbenzene	U	U	U	U				
Methylene Chloride	U	U	U	U				
Styrene	U	U	U	U				
Tetrachloroethene	U	U	U	U				
Toluene	U	U	U	U				
Trichloroethene	U	U	U	U				
Vinyl Chloride	U	U	U	U				
Xylenes	U	U	U	U				
Cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	U	U	U	U				
Trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	U	U	U	U				
Alpha emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)				
Americium-241	1.12E-02 ± 5.63E-03UJ	U	1.54E-02 ± 6.94E-03J	U				
Neptunium-237	U	1.94E-02 ± 8.96E-03UJ	U	U				
Plutonium-238	2.60E-02 ± 1.09E-02J	U	U	U				
Plutonium-239/240	U	U	U	U				
Uranium-233/234	1.35E+00 ± 1.61E-01	1.15E+00 ± 1.21E-01	1.41E+00 ± 2.00E-01	1.42E+00 = 1.13E-01				
Uranium-235/236	U	U	U	5.75E-02 ± 1.14E-02				
Uranium-238	6.81E-01 ± 9.94E-02	6.01E-01 ± 7.59E-02	8.09E-01 ± 1.39E-01	7.49E-01 ± 6.51E-02				
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)				
Americium 241	U	U	U	U				
Antimony-125	U	U	U	U				
Cerium 144	U	U	U	U				
Cesium 134	U	U	U	U				
Cesium137	U	U	U	U				
Cobalt-58	U	U	U	U				
Cobalt-60	U	U	U	U				
Europium-152	U	U	U	U				
Europium-154	U	U	U	U				
Europium-155	U	U	U	U				

Table C-1. (continued).

	Sample Dates							
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001				
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)				
Manganese-54	U	U	U	U				
Niobium-95	U	U	U	1.68E+00 ± 7.88E-01UJ				
Potassium-40	$2.81E+01 \pm 1.07E+01J$	3.06E+01 ± 9.60E+00	U	1.64E+01 ± 7.34E+00UJ				
Radium-226	U	3.71E+00 ± 1.43E+00UJ	U	U				
Ruthenium-103	U	U	U	1.81E+00 ± 7.85E-01UJ				
Ruthenium-106	U	U	U	U				
Silver-108m	U	U	U	U				
Silver-110m	U	U	U	U				
Uranium-235	U	U	U	U				
Zinc-65	U	U	U	U				
Zirconium-95	U	U	U	U				
Isotopic Analyses	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)				
Carbon-14	U	2.44E+00 ± 7.44E-01UJ	U	U				
Gross Alpha	$8.78\text{E-}01 \pm 3.65\text{E-}01\text{UJ}$	8.66E-01 ± 2.77E-01	2.23E+00 ± 8.71E-01UJ	1.98E+00 ± 6.21E-01				
Gross Beta	$2.02E+00 \pm 7.03E-01UJ$	2.73E+00 ± 3.45E-01	U	1.53E+00 ± 6.52E-01UJ				
Iodine-129	U	U	U	U				
Radium-228	NS	NS	NS	NS				
Strontium-90	U	U	U	U				
Technicium-99	U	U	U	U				
Tritium	U	U	U	U				

Table C-2 Baseline groundwater data for Well ICPP-MON-A-165.

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	March Duplicate		
Miscellaneous Inorganics	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		
Alkalinity	155	153	154	153	154		
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	U	U	U	NS	NS		
Bromide	NS	NS	U	U	U		
Chloride	NS	NS	7.7	6.0	8.0		
Chromium hexavalent	NS	R	U	NS	NS		
Fecal Coliform (COL/DL)	None	None	None	None	None		
Total Coliform (COL/DL)	None	4200	24	9Ј	None		
Fluoride	NS	NS	0.19	0.13E	0.15		
Nitrate	0.66E	0.65	0.64	1.1EJ	0.66J		
Nitrite	U	U	0.01	U	U		
Nitrogen, Ammonia (as N)	U	U	U	U	U		
Nitrogen, Nitrate-Nitrite (as N)	0.671J	0.731	0.707	0.690	0.696		
Phosphate	NS	NS	U	U	U		
Phosphorous, Total (as P)	0.0263	0.039	0.266	0.0194	0.0231		
Sulfate	NS	NS	28.9	30.5	30.4		
Total Dissolved Solids	232	244	230	249	247		
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	0.511	U	0.241	0.157J	0.1UJ		
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		
Aluminum	U	U	U	U	U		
Antimony	U	U	U	U	U		
Arsenic	0.0052	U	U	U	U		
Barium	0.0729	0.0702	0.0703	0.073B	0.0731B		
Beryllium	U	U	U	U	U		
Boron	0.0384	U	U	U	U		
Cadmium	U	U	U	U	U		
Calcium	46.9	44.5	45.8	46.8	46.4		
Chromium	0.0088	0.0068	0.0062	0.0079B	0.0081B		
Cobalt	U	U	U	U	U		
Copper	U	U	U	U	U		
Iron	0.0697B	U	U	U	U		
Lead	U	U	U	U	U		
Lithium	U	U	U	U	U		
Magnesium	13.9	13.1	13.4	13.8	13.7		

Table C-2. (continued).

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	March Duplicate		
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		
Manganese	U (IIIg/L)	U (mg/L)	U (mg/L)	U (mg/L)	(mg/L) U		
Mercury	U	U	U	U	U		
Nickel	U	U	U	U	U		
Potassium	2.08B	2.1B	1.98B	2.09B	2.08B		
Selenium	2.06Б U	U.11B	1.96B U	2.09Б U	2.08B U		
Silicon	10.5	9.66	9.76	1.11	1.1		
Silver	10.3 U	9.00 U	9.76 U	U	U		
Sodium	8.03	7.77	7.9	7.6	7.7		
Strontium	0.266	0.249	0.257	0.26	0.259		
	U.266	U.249	U.237		U.239		
Thallium				U			
Vanadium	U	U	0.0051	U	U		
Zinc	0.0106	0.0077	U	U	U		
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U		
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	U	U	U	U	U		
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U		
1,1-Dichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U		
1,1-Dichloroethene	U	U	U	U	U		
1,2-Dichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U		
1,2-Dichloroethene (Total)	U	U	U	U	U		
1,2-Dichloropropane	U	U	U	U	U		
2-Butanone	R	R	U	U	U		
2-Hexanone	U	U	U	U	U		
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	U	U	U	U	U		
Acetone	U	U	U	U	U		
Benzene	U	U	U	U	U		
Bromodichloromethane	U	U	U	U	U		
Bromoform	U	U	U	U	U		
Bromomethane	U	U	U	U	U		
Carbon disulfide	U	U	U	U	U		
Carbon tetrachloride	U	U	U	U	U		
Chlorobenzene	U	U	U	U	U		
Chloroethane	U	U	U	U	U		
Chloroform	U	U	U	U	U		
Chloromethane	U	U	U	U	U		

Table C-2. (continued).

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	March Duplicate		
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)		
Dibromochloromethane	U	U	U	U	U		
Ethylbenzene	U	U	U	U	U		
Methylene Chloride	U	U	U	1 J	U		
Styrene	U	U	U	U	U		
Tetrachloroethene	U	U	U	U	U		
Toluene	U	U	U	U	U		
Trichloroethene	U	U	U	U	U		
Vinyl Chloride	U	U	U	U	U		
Xylenes	U	U	U	U	U		
Cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	U	U	U	U	U		
Trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	U	U	U	U	U		
Alpha emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)		
Americium 241	U	U	3.10E-02 ± 1.09E-02J	1.88E-02 ± 7.20E-03J	2.09E-02 ± 7.79E-03J		
Neptunium-237	U	U	U	U	U		
Plutonium-238	U	U	U	U	U		
Plutonium 239/240	U	U	U	U	U		
Uranium-233/234	1.36E+00 ± 1.54E-01	1.28E+00 ± 1.27E-01	1.10E+00 ± 1.56E-01	1.29E+00 ± 1.17E-01	1.29E+00 ± 1.22E-01		
Uranium-235/236	U	U	U	3.68E-02 ± 1.34E-02J	4.25E-02 ± 1.38E-02		
Uranium-238	4.41E-01 ± 7.02E-02	6.97E-01 ± 8.02E-02	4.70E-01 ± 9.07E-02	5.20E-01 ± 5.80E-02	6.36E-01 ± 7.04E-02		
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)		
Americium 241	U	U	U	1.27E+01 ± 6.31E+00UJ	U		
Antimony-125	U	U	U	U	4.29E+00 ± 1.64E+00UJ		
Cerium 144	U	U	U	U	U		
Cesium 134	U	U	U	U	U		
Cesium 137	U	U	U	U	U		
Cobalt-58	U	U	U	U	U		
Cobalt-60	U	U	U	U	2.04E+00 ± 7.13E-01UJ		
Europium-152	U	U	U	U	U		
Europium-154	U	U	U	U	U		

Table C-2. (continued).

	Sample Dates					
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	March Duplicate	
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	
Europium-155	U	U	U	U	U	
Manganese-54	U	U	U	U	U	
Niobium-95	U	U	U	U	U	
Potassium-40	$2.38E+01 \pm 6.75E+00UJ$	3.75E+01 ± 1.22E+01	U	U	U	
Radium-226	U	U	U	$3.32E+00 \pm 1.28E+00UJ$	2.28E+01 ± 7.84E+00UJ	
Ruthenium-103	U	U	U	U	U	
Ruthenium-106	U	1.57E+01 ± 6.85E+00UJ	U	U	U	
Silver-108m	U	U	U	U	U	
Silver-110m	U	U	U	U	U	
Uranium-235	U	U	U	U	U	
Zinc-65	U	U	U	U	U	
Zirconium-95	U	U	U	U	U	
Isotopic Analyses	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	
Carbon-14	3.33E+00 ± 8.02E-01	2.66E+00 ± 7.34E-01UJ	U	U	4.51E+00 ± 9.52E-01	
Gross Alpha	$5.60E+00 \pm 2.23E+00UJ$	1.74E+00 ± 3.18E-01	1.61E+00 ± 7.79E-01UJ	2.04E+00 ± 5.78E-01	2.18E+00 ± 6.15E-01	
Gross Beta	9.85E+00 ± 1.56E+00J	2.45E+00 ± 3.40E-01	2.38E+00 ± 1.10E+00UJ	2.72E+00 ± 6.08E-01	2.74E+00 ± 6.63E-01	
Iodine-129	U	U	U	U	U	
Radium-228	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	
Strontium-90	U	U	U	U	U	
Technicium-99	U	U	U	U	U	
Tritium	8.91E+02 ± 1.53E+02	9.71E+02 ± 1.54E+02	U	1.11E+03 ± 1.35E+02	1.12E+03 ± 1.36E+02	

Table C-3. Baseline groundwater data for Well ICPP-MON-A-166.

	Sample Dates							
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001			
Miscellaneous Inorganics	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)			
Alkalinity	NS	NS	NS	144	152			
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	NS	NS	NS	NS	U			
Bromide	NS	NS	NS	NS	U			
Chloride	NS	NS	NS	NS	10.9			
Chromium hexavalent	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.041EJ			
Fecal Coliform (COL/DL)	NS	NS	NS	NS	None			
Total Coliform (COL/DL)	NS	NS	NS	NS	19			
Fluoride	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.31EJ			
Nitrate	NS	NS	NS	NS	0.12E			
Nitrite	NS	NS	NS	NS	U			
Nitrogen, Ammonia (as N)	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Nitrogen, Nitrate-Nitrite (as N)	NS	NS	NS	0.0998	0.276			
Phosphate	NS	NS	NS	NS	U			
Phosphorous, Total (as P)	NS	NS	NS	0.0350	0.0411			
Sulfate	NS	NS	NS	NS	16.2			
Total Dissolved Solids	NS	NS	NS	220	217			
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	NS	NS	NS	U	0.240			
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)			
Aluminum	NS	NS	NS	0.401	0.270			
Antimony	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Arsenic	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Barium	NS	NS	NS	0.0539B	0.0509B			
Beryllium	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Boron	NS	NS	NS	0.0213B	U			
Cadmium	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Calcium	NS	NS	NS	37.8	36.5			
Chromium	NS	NS	NS	0.0125	0.0084B			
Cobalt	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Copper	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Iron	NS	NS	NS	0.383	0.285			
Lead	NS	NS	NS	U	0.0044			
Lithium	NS	NS	NS	U	U			
Magnesium	NS	NS	NS	13.5	13.0			

Table C-3. (continued).

			Sample Dates		
Analyzed Constituents	November	January	February	March	April
·	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
Manganese	NS	NS	NS	0.265	0.168
Mercury	NS	NS	NS	U	U
Nickel	NS	NS	NS	0.0586	0.0084
Potassium	NS	NS	NS	2.62B	2.54B
Selenium	NS	NS	NS	U	U 12.41
Silicon	NS	NS	NS	27.2	12.4J
Silver	NS	NS	NS	U	U
Sodium	NS	NS	NS	12.9	11.3
Strontium	NS	NS	NS	0.328	0.216
Thallium	NS	NS	NS	U	U
Vanadium	NS	NS	NS	0.0135B	U
Zinc	NS	NS	NS	0.0306	0.0108B
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,1-Dichloroethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,1-Dichloroethene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,2-Dichloroethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,2-Dichloroethene (Total)	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
1,2-Dichloropropane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
2-Butanone	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
2-Hexanone	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
4-Methyl-2-pentanone	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Acetone	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Benzene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Bromodichloromethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Bromoform	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Bromomethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Carbon disulfide	NS	NS	NS	U	0.011J
Carbon tetrachloride	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Chlorobenzene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Chloroethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Chloroform	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
Chloromethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ
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Table C-3. (continued).

	Sample Dates					
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001	
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	
Dibromochloromethane	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Ethylbenzene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Methylene Chloride	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Styrene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Tetrachloroethene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Toluene	NS	NS	NS	0.039	0.017J	
Trichloroethene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Vinyl Chloride	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Xylenes	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	NS	NS	NS	U	0.005UJ	
Alpha emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	
Americium241	NS	NS	NS	2.01E-02 ± 8.05E-03J	2.14E-02 ± 8.20E-03J	
Neptunium-237	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Plutonium-238	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Plutonium 239/240	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Uranium-233/234	NS	NS	NS	1.16E+00 ± 9.40E-02	1.21E+00 ± 1.30E-01	
Uranium-235/236	NS	NS	NS	4.58E-02 ± 1.06E-02	9.72E-02 ± 2.69E-02	
Uranium-238	NS	NS	NS	5.26E-01 ± 5.58E-02	5.58E-01 ± 7.42E-02	
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	
Americium 241	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Antimony-125	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Cerium 144	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Cesium 134	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Cesium 137	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Cobalt-58	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Cobalt-60	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Europium-152	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Europium-154	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Europium-155	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Manganese-54	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Niobium-95	NS	NS	NS	U	U	

Table C-3. (continued).

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001		
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)		
Potassium-40	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Radium-226	NS	NS	NS	4.54E+00 ± 1.19E+00J	U		
Ruthenium-103	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Ruthenium-106	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Silver-108m	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Silver-110m	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Uranium-235	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Zinc-65	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Zirconium-95	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Isotopic Analyses	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)		
Carbon-14	NS	NS	NS	U	2.24E+00 ± 9.14E-01UJ		
Gross Alpha	NS	NS	NS	2.17E+00 ± 6.03E-01	1.12E+00 ± 4.32E-01J		
Gross Beta	NS	NS	NS	2.94E+00 ± 6.22E-01	3.34E+00 ± 5.80E-01		
Iodine-129	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Radium-228	NS	NS	NS	NS	U		
Strontium-90	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Technicium-99	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Tritium	NS	NS	NS	5.27E+02 ± 1.30E+02	U		

Table C-4. Baseline groundwater data for Well ICPP-MON-A-167B.

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001	April Duplicate	
Miscellaneous Inorganics	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	
Alkalinity	146	144	152	146	157	157	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	8.33BJ	6.15B	3.25B	NS	U	U	
Bromide	NS	NS	NS	NS	U	U	
Chloride	NS	NS	6.4	NS	9.6	9.5	
Chromium hexavalent	NS	R	U	NS	0.041EJ	0.041EJ	
Fecal Coliform (COL/DL)	None	None	None	NS	None	None	
Total Coliform (COL/DL)	None	1100	800	NS	None	None	
Fluoride	NS	NS	0.26	NS	0.19EJ	0.24EJ	
Nitrate	0.44	0.41	0.24	NS	0.53E	0.52E	
Nitrite	U	U	U	NS	U	U	
Nitrogen, Ammonia (as N)	0.0259	0.0332	0.0166	0.0792	0.0182	U	
Nitrogen, Nitrate-Nitrite (as N)	0.357	0.386	0.336	0.0826	0.449	0.501	
Phosphate	NS	NS	U	NS	U	U	
Phosphorous, Total (as P)	1.38	0.269	5.65	3.13	0.480	0.358	
Sulfate	NS	NS	30.0	NS	35.2	35.4	
Total Dissolved Solids	227	238	222	241	248	249	
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	U	0.141	0.143	0.705J	0.231	0.399	
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	
Aluminum	32.8	27.2	17.7	23.7	15.6	14.2	
Antimony	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Arsenic	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Barium	0.113	0.103	0.0822	0.104B	0.0873B	0.0852B	
Beryllium	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Boron	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cadmium	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Calcium	66.5	61.4	54.0	60.9	53.7	52.8	
Chromium	0.0438	0.045	0.0212	0.0325	0.0506	0.0481	
Cobalt	0.0152	0.0114	0.0064	0.0099B	0.0085B	0.0074B	
Copper	0.0706	0.0547	0.0349	0.0598	0.0334	0.031	
Iron	19.2	16.6	10.2	14.2	10.8	10.0	
Lead	0.0108	0.0076	0.0068	0.0086	0.0104	0.0095	
Lithium	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Magnesium	23.1	21.6	18.0	20.7	18.1	17.6	
Manganese	0.355	0.3	0.218	0.265	0.17	0.159	
Mercury	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Nickel	0.0801	0.0746	0.0438	0.0586	0.0549	0.0507	
TAL Metals	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	

Table C-4. (continued).

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001	April Duplicate	
Potassium	2.56B	2.62B	2.3B	2.62B	2.42B	2.26B	
Selenium	U	0.0059	U	U	U	U	
Silicon	19.3	8.4	24.6	27.2	35.5	34.9	
Silver	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Sodium	14.0	13.3	12.0	12.9	15.4	15.1	
Strontium	0.349	0.323	0.294	0.328	0.296	0.292	
Γhallium	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Vanadium	0.0207	0.0194	0.0124	0.0135B	0.0129B	0.0123B	
Zinc	0.0412	0.0337	0.0242	0.0306	0.0195B	0.0185B	
CLP-List Volatile Organic Compounds	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	
,1,1-Trichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,1,2-Trichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,1-Dichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,1-Dichloroethene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,2-Dichloroethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,2-Dichloroethene (Total)	U	U	U	U	U	U	
,2-Dichloropropane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
2-Butanone	R	R	U	U	U	U	
2-Hexanone	U	U	U	U	U	U	
l-Methyl-2-pentanone	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Acetone	U	U	U	U	0.005UJ	0.005UJ	
Benzene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Bromodichloromethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Bromoform	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Bromomethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Carbon disulfide	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Carbon tetrachloride	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Chlorobenzene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Chloroethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Chloroform	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Chloromethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Dibromochloromethane	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Ethylbenzene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Methylene Chloride	U	U	U	1 J	0.005UJ	0.005UJ	
Styrene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Tetrachloroethene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
CLP-List Volatile Organic	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	

Table C-4. (continued).

	Sample Dates						
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001	April Duplicate	
Compounds							
Toluene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Trichloroethene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Vinyl Chloride	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Xylenes	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cis-1,3-Dichloropropene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Trans-1,3-Dichloropropene	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Alpha emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	
Americium-241	U	U	1.34E-02 ± 6.07E-03J	1.47E-02 ± 6.35E-03UJ	1.12E-01 ± 3.29E-02	3.89E-02 ± 1.28E-02	
Neptunium-237	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Plutonium-238	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Plutonium-239/240	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Uranium-233/234	1.46E+00 ± 1.82E-01	1.66E+00 ± 1.62E-01	1.32E+00 ± 1.97E-01	1.17E+00 ± 1.16E-01	1.37E+00 ± 1.50E-01	1.29E+00 = 1.37E-01	
Uranium-235/236	U	3.20E-02 ± 1.46E-02 UJ	U	5.61E-02 ± 1.73E-02	3.76E-02 ± 1.71E-02J	U	
Uranium-238	7.65E-01 ± 1.15E-01	8.04E-01 ± 9.25E-02	9.82E-01 ± 1.62E-01	6.06E-01 ± 7.10E-02	6.62E-01 ± 8.88E-02	6.79E-01 ± 8.59E-02	
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	
Americium-241	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Antimony-125	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cerium-144	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cesium-134	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cesium-137	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cobalt-58	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cobalt-60	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Europium-152	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Europium-154	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Europium-155	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Manganese-54	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Niobium-95	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Potassium-40	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Radium-226	U	$5.74E+00 \pm 1.69E+00UJ$	U	4.00E+00 ± 1.16E+00	U	U	
Ruthenium-103	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Ruthenium-106	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Silver-108m	1.18E+00 ± 4.38E-01 UJ	U	U	U	U	U	
Silver-110m	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Gamma Emitters	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	

Table C-4. (continued).

	Sample Dates							
Analyzed Constituents	November 2000	January 2001	February 2001	March 2001	April 2001	April Duplicate		
Uranium-235	U	U	U	U	U	U		
Zinc-65	U	U	U	U	U	U		
Zirconium-95	U	U	U	U	U	U		
Isotopic Analyses	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)	(pCi/L)		
Carbon-14	2.94E+00 ± 7.87E-01UJ	1.65E+00 ± 7.22E-01UJ	U	2.37E+00 ± 9.23E-01UJ	7.16E+00 ± 9.65E-01	2.86E+00 ± 9.09E-01		
Gross Alpha	5.09E+00 ± 1.53E+00	2.42E+00 ± 7.02E-01	6.00E+00 ± 1.62E+00	4.33E+00 ± 1.51E+00J	2.12E+00 ± 8.99E-01UJ	9.54E-01 ± 4.61E-01UJ		
Gross Beta	9.80E+00 ± 1.87E+00	3.46E+00 ± 6.72E-01	3.45E+00 ± 1.14E+00	1.31E+01 ± 1.90E+00	3.38E+00 ± 9.94E-01	3.33E+00 ± 5.33E-01		
Iodine-129	U	U	U	U	U	1.32E+00 ± 4.64E-01UJ		
Radium-228	NS	NS	NS	NS	U	U		
Strontium-90	U	U	U	U	U	U		
Technicium-99	4.09E+00 ± 1.89E+00UJ	U	U	U	U	U		
Tritium	6.46E+02 ± 1.09E+02	5.99E+02 ± 1.35E+02	5.76E+02 ± 1.17E+02	3.61E+02 ± 1.08E+02	9.57E+02 ± 1.23E+02	9.68E+02 ± 1.22E+02		

# Appendix D Wellhead Protection Plan



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INEEL WELLHEAD PROTECTION PROGRAM - MEF-04

The Idaho Wellhead Protection Plan, published in February 1997 by the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality (IDEQ), describes a program (currently voluntary) which recommends the establishment of a "Wellhead Protection Program" to prevent the contamination of drinking water wells. This program is intended to protect drinking water supplies through the delineation of wellhead protection areas followed by the implementation of management policies for these areas (and the potential contamination sources within them) relative to the levels of risk they pose. This Plan is soon to become regulation when adopted by EPA's Source Water Assessment program, but at the present time does not set implementation deadlines.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) has chosen to begin implementation of a Wellhead Protection Program for all INEEL drinking water and production wells prior to regulatorily enforced implementation deadlines. It is the intent at the INEEL to minimize impact to existing and future operations while at the same time establishing a program which improves groundwater protection in cases where a significant risk to INEEL water sources now exists or may exist in the future. This can be accomplished by defining those areas in which contaminants (if released) could migrate to the drinking water and production wells, using the appropriate INEEL organizations to evaluate the potential risks within these areas and establish appropriate controls and policies, and making INEEL personnel more cognizant of the areas of potential impact to INEEL water sources. In brief, it is intended to establish a program which requires that groundwater and wellhead contamination risks be considered during INEEL operations and projects; it is not the intent to discontinue or prohibit common INEEL activities within the Wellhead Protection Areas.

Implementation of a Wellhead Protection Program can be expected to create additional transcial, and regulatory responsibilities at the INEEL's In order to establish an effective Wellhead Protection Program with minimal adverse impacts to INEEL operations, projects and budgets in

Wellhead protection areas are defined as those surface and subsurface areas surrounding a well through which contaminants are likely to move and contaminate the well over specified time periods.

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is important that the appropriate people be involved during program development. Attachment A describes IDEQ's Wellhead Protection Plan requirements, discusses the INEEL activities conducted to date, and addresses future program implementation tasks, while Attachment B presents proposed wellhead protection area maps for the INEEL. Please review the Attachments (or pass them on to an appropriate responsible party) and provide comments back to me by November 15, 1997 regarding designated points of contact for further development of the INEEL's Wellhead Protection Program, specific interests or concerns you may have regarding this program, and the proposed wellhead protection area maps. I can be reached at 526-5522, Mailstop 4110, or OV address "FELDME".

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#### Attachment A

The Idaho Wellhead Protection Plan has three general goals: to prevent the contamination of groundwater by appropriately managing potential contamination sources; to establish "response action areas" around a wellhead which provides sufficient time to respond to an event which could contaminate drinking water supplies; and to protect the area of contribution of a well by appropriately managing land use. The Plan attempts to accomplish these goals by requiring a number of actions, including delineating wellhead protection areas for each drinking water well, maintaining an inventory and management strategy for the potential contamination sources within these areas, and developing land-use policies which protect the areas of contribution to a well. It also requires that contingency plans be developed in the event a drinking water well becomes contaminated, and that sites for future wells be identified and protected.

The Plan recognizes that the "management" and "policy" components are the most important parts of the Plan, and provides much latitude to the water purveyor in the manner in which most requirements can be met. The exception to this is the delineation of the wellhead protection areas; boundaries must be established using the guidelines presented. The Plan requires that four distinct zones be identified for each well. These zones, presented in order of the stringency with which they should be managed, include:

- (1) Zone 1A, which corresponds to a 50 foot sanitary setback radius from the well (presently required by state law),
- (2) Zone 1B, which corresponds to the boundary for a 3-year time of travel for contaminants in the aquifer,
- (3) Zone 2, which corresponds to the boundary for a 6-year time of travel for contaminants in the aquifer, and
- (4) Zone 3, which corresponds to the boundary for a 10-year time of travel for contaminants in the aquifer.

The Plan also identifies 5 methods for delineation, dependent upon the amount of information available, and cautions that any assumptions made on behalf of information uncertainties should be made such that the delineation analyses yield the <u>largest</u> (most protective) wellhead protection area.

The INEEL decided 2-3 years ago to begin implementation of the requirements of IDEQ's-Wellhead Protection Plan as a "best management practice" for all drinking water and production wells because the Plan represented a sensible approach to groundwater protection. The ensuing activities in 1995 resulted in the preparation of "capture zone" maps for all the INEEL wells, but little else in the form of implementation. More recently, IDEQ submitted the updated Plan (published in February 1997) as a proposal to meet EPA's Source Water Assessment program requirements and, based on initial feedback from EPA expects approval of the Plan in its current form. This action is expected to make the requirements mandatory within the next 2 years, and has sparked renewed interest in the program. As an initial step, proposed wellhead protection area maps have been prepared for each of the INEEL facilities in which these wells are located. These maps were created by modifying the previously prepared capture zone maps to meet the current requirements of the IDEQ Plan, and include the four designated protection area zones.

During preparation of the maps, efforts were made to balance the total area impacted against the need to identify all areas which may be in the zone of contribution for a wellhead. The result is a series of maps which represent conservative boundaries for wellhead protection areas based on conditions which have been documented over time at the INEEL. The boundaries for these wellhead protection areas do not imply that all areas encompassed actually contribute to the wellhead, but more accurately they suggest that contribution to the wellhead is possible within these areas. This is consistent with the intended use of the maps, which is to indicate those regions in which (1) added care should be given to those existing sites which represent potential groundwater contamination sources and (2) special consideration should be given to future construction which may represent a groundwater risk. (The maps cannot be used to definitively state that a site, specifically one in close proximity to a protection area boundary, is or is not in the catchment zone for a wellhead.) Attachment B provides a detailed discussion of the delineation process for the INEEL's wellhead protection areas, and presents the maps and tabular information on the protection zones.

Future INEEL Wellhead Protection Program activities include finalizing the wellhead protection area maps and completing the inventory of potential contamination sources, determining programmatic responsibilities and implementation avenues, and developing appropriate policies for managing potential contamination sources and land use within the protection zone boundaries. The wellhead protection area maps can be finalized after incorporation of any feedback on the proposed delineations in Attachment B, and the initial inventory of potential contamination sources (which has already begun) can be based upon information already documented in the INEEL's GIS library and other readily available resources. Concurrent with this, discussions regarding the appropriate organizations for ownership of responsibilities should be initiated, with the intent to use those organizations and programs already performing similar tasks. (Examples include possible use of the Environmental Restoration organization to evaluate the relative risk of existing and future potential contamination sources within the wellhead protection areas; the INEEL Groundwater Protection Program Plan and the INEEL Land Use Planning Document to publicize the wellhead protection area maps and provide easy access for their use across the INEEL; and the National Environmental Policy Act project review checklist for early identification of INEEL operations and projects which fall within the protection areas.) Policy development efforts for the INEEL Wellhead Protection Program should begin soon thereafter. Based on recommendations of the INEEL Groundwater Committee, the focus of these policies should be to identify (and minimize where feasible) existing risks to INEEL water -sources while at the same time protecting these water sources from future INEEL activities through informed siting and controls. Emphasis should be placed on a "common sense" approach which avoids the practice of summarily prohibiting activities and projects within wellhead protection areas.

### Attachment B

The Idaho Wellhead Protection Plan identifies five techniques for the delineation of wellhead protection areas; three of these techniques (the Basic I, Basic II, and Refined Methods) can be applied at the INEEL. The Basic I and II Methods are both conservative techniques which establish four large, concentric, fixed-radius circles around each wellhead as boundaries for the four protection area zones, while the Refined Method allows the water purveyor to use knowledge of the aquifer properties to establish the protection area zones and boundaries. (The Refined Method estimates a capture zone boundary for a wellhead using various modelling codes and requires access to data such as transmissivity, hydraulic gradient, flow angle, and pump rate.) Given sufficient information, the Refined Method provides a better estimation of the actual catchment area for a wellhead, as well as a smaller protection area which must be managed.

The wellhead protection areas delineated for the INEEL drinking water and production wells are based upon the Refined Method. In 1995, the RESSQC Module of EPA's WHPA modelling code was selected for use from the list of modelling codes and simple "capture zone" maps were generated for 2 and 5-year times of travel for each of the wells. In 1997, when work on the INEEL's Wellhead Protection Program was reinitiated, the previous capture zone maps were compared to IDEQ's current Wellhead Protection Plan requirements. Changes and details highlighted in the Plan (basing protection area zones on 3, 6, and 10-year times of travel, requiring the use of the most conservative assumptions when faced with data uncertainties or ranges of values, and noting that the WHPA code assumes no lateral migration of contaminants through the vadose zone) implied that the capture zone maps prepared in 1995 no longer satisfy Plan requirements. Faced with three options (1) adopt much larger protection areas via the use of one of the Basic Methods, (2) embark on an expensive mission to remodel the capture zones using a more complex code, or (3) modify the existing capture zone maps, the latter was chosen.

Based on the recommendations and assistance from the INEEL Groundwater Committee, the capture zone maps were modified in a number of ways. First, the protection areas were lengthened by linearly extrapolating the 2 and 5-year time of travel capture zones to 3, 6, and 10-year times of travel. Second, the protection areas were widened by adopting flow angle "ranges", rather than the single, dominant flow angle used in the original capture zone maps. Based on information in the 1993 "INEL Groundwater Monitoring Plan" (GMP) all INEEL facilities-exhibit variation or uncertainty in aquifer flow angle ranging from 20 degrees to 90 degrees. (Identified and documented in the GMP for the purpose of siting monitoring wells at INEEL facilities, these ranges are believed to represent conservative values.) Adopting these flow angle ranges as bounding guidelines in establishing the lateral boundaries of the protection areas, the resultant protection areas resemble a pie-shaped wedge.

Third, the protection areas were augmented with a circular zone surrounding the wellhead to account for uncertainties associated with a heterogeneous aquifer, a thick vadose zone, and lateral migration of contaminants prior to their entry to the aquifer. The GMP, in the Monitoring Network sections for each facility, recognizes that ample opportunity exists for lateral migration of contaminants through the vadose zone due to its thickness and fractured basalt structure. As a

result, it defines the distance the "line of compliance" monitoring wells should be located from the potential contamination sources in order to capture any lateral migration. In effect, these distances provide a <u>site-specific estimate of the potential for lateral movement</u> of the contaminants through the vadose zone. Ranging from 500 to 4000 feet, these values represent the best facility-specific information available, and were adopted as the radii for the circular management zones around the wellheads.

Finally, as recommended by IDEQ's plan, in situations where the mapped protection areas of multiple wells intersect, the protection areas are combined and the wells are treated as a single wellfield. This has resulted in a single wellhead protection area for each of the INEEL facilities within which drinking water or production wells are located. Table 1 provides a listing of the wells by facility and summarizes the final specifications used in delineating the protection areas at each of the INEEL's facilities, and figures 1-18 present the maps showing the protection area zones and boundaries. As can be expected and is seen in the figures, most of the INEEL's wellhead protection areas are common in shape and orientation, though some abnormalities exist. Those figures which demonstrate abnormal characteristics are discussed below.

The INEEL and all of its wellhead protection areas are shown in Figure 1, providing an indication of the total areas covered. As expected, this figure shows variation in protection area size when comparing one facility to another. This is largely the result of the variation in transmissivity values (which dictates protection area length) and groundwater flow angle range values (which dictates protection area width) across the site. Close observation of this figure also points out an apparent discrepancy; NRF and ICPP portray similar wellhead protection area characteristics, but TRA has a protection area which differs significantly in size and orientation, even though it overlaps that of ICPP. This is probably caused by facility-specific data being extrapolated to a larger region. (Local hydrologic conditions vary greatly in fractured basalt; when these localized conditions are projected over a larger area, subtle differences in the data become magnified.) These differences do not necessarily indicate an error in the development of the protection area for TRA, but more likely reflect the degree of uncertainty associated with establishing the protection areas for NRF and ICPP. As a result, no effort to change the protection area maps to reflect "consistency" have been made.

The EBR-I and RWMC wellhead protection areas, shown in figures 6 and 13 respectively, each have circular protection areas rather than the characteristic wedge-shaped protection areas. rThis is due to the low transmissivity values measured at each facility, resulting in relatively short distances modelled for 10-year times of travel (296 feet for EBR-I and 1800 feet for RWMC). In both cases, the distance associated with the "potential for lateral movement of contaminants through the vadose zone" exceeds the linear distance for the 10-year time of travel. As a result, the circular zone placed around the wellhead to account for lateral contaminant movement in the vadose zone is the dominant feature, and has been designated the protection area boundary for both maps. (Consistent with this boundary designation, the lines marking Zones 1B and 2 were adjusted accordingly.) This technique is supported at RWMC by the fact that contaminants believed to have originated in the Subsurface Disposal Area (which is not within the flow angle range measured at the RWMC) have been detected at the wellhead.

The ICPP wellhead protection area, shown in figures 8 and 9, is notable simply for its size. Covering approximately 40 square miles and enveloping the NRF facility, this protection area is influenced by the high transmissivity values measured at ICPP and a wide aquifer flow angle range which is probably due to the influence of the Big Lost River. This protection area also has the largest circular zone surrounding the wellheads, owing to a history of significant contaminant movement along the perched water zones below ICPP. (Contaminants, believed to have originated south of the wells and well outside the groundwater flow angle range for ICPP, have been detected in the ICPP Production Wells 04 & 05.) As noted previously, the boundaries for this wellhead protection area are based on the information specific to the localized conditions at ICPP. Projection of these conditions over a larger area to establish boundaries for the ICPP wellhead protection area has likely resulted in a very conservatively sized protection area, but is also reflective of the lack of information available on the area between ICPP and NRF.

The rest of the wellhead protection areas, as shown in the remainder of the figures, are very similar in nature and exhibit no notable abnormalities.

Table 1 - INEEL Wellhead Protection Area Delineation Specifications

FACILITY; Well ID	Zone 1A* Radius (ft)	Circular Zone <sup>b</sup> Radius (ft)	Boundary Angles ' (degrees)	Zone 1Bd Length (ft)	Zone 2° Length (ft)	Zone 3f Length (ft)
ANL-W; EBR-II #1&2	50	500 =	20 degree span from 45 - 65 degrees	6200	12400	20000
CFA; CFA#1&2	50	1000	35 degree span from 0 - 35 degrees	2833	5667	9000
EBR-I; EBR-I	50	500	360 degree span from 0 - 360 degrees	150	300	500
Gun Range; Rifle Range Well	50	500 *	80 degree span from 0 - 80 degrees	3767	7533	12600
ICPP; CPP #01, 02, 04 & 05	50	4000	90 degree span from 325 - 55 degrees	11533	23067	38000
NRF; NRF #1, 2, & 3	50	500 s	60 degree span from 330 - 30 degrees	6700	13400	22400
PBF; SPERT #1 & 2	50	500	30 degree span from 25 - 55 degrees	1087	2173	3600
RWMC; Production Well	50	2000	360 degree span from 0 - 360 degrees	600	1200	2000
TRA; TRA #01, 03, & 04	50	1000	30 degree span from 30 - 60 degrees	3067	6133	9200
TAN-CTF; FET #1 & 2	50	500	55 degree span from 355 - 50 degrees	500	800	1200
TAN-TSF; ANP #01 & 02	50	500	90 degree span from 315 - 25 degrees	667	1333	2000
TAN-WRRTF; ANP #08	50	500	75 degree span from 310 - 25 degrees	500	1033	1700

- Sanitary setback distance defined by the State of Idaho for drinking water wells.
- b Circular protection zone for the lateral migration of contaminants within the vadose zone, based on information in the "INEL Groundwater Monitoring Plan".
- <sup>c</sup> Lateral protection area boundaries measured clockwise from due North.
- d Estimated distance for a 3-year time of travel in the aquifer.
- e Estimated distance for a 6-year time of travel in the aquifer.
- f Estimated distance for a 10-year time of travel in the aquifer.
- The "INEL Groundwater Monitoring Plan" does not identify a distance for these facilities -- 500' was selected as the minimum default value.

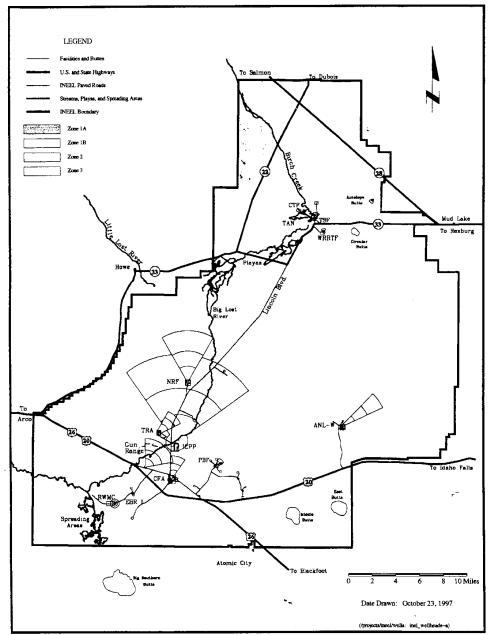


Figure 1. INEEL Wellhead Protection Areas.

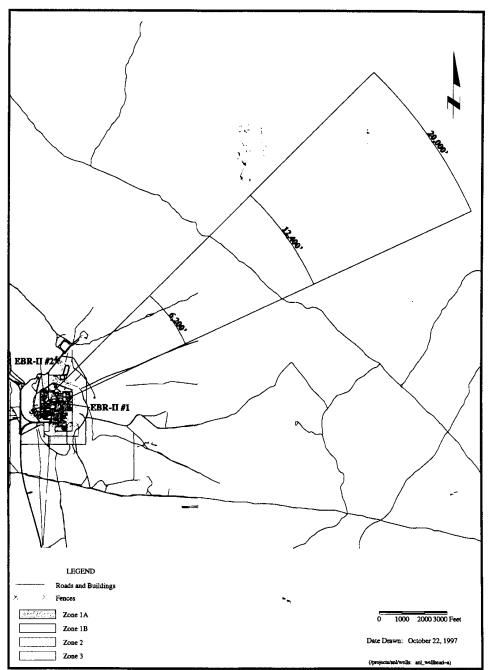


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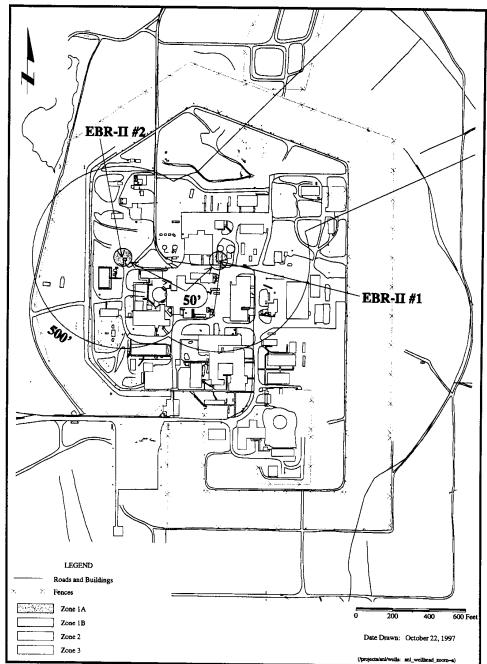


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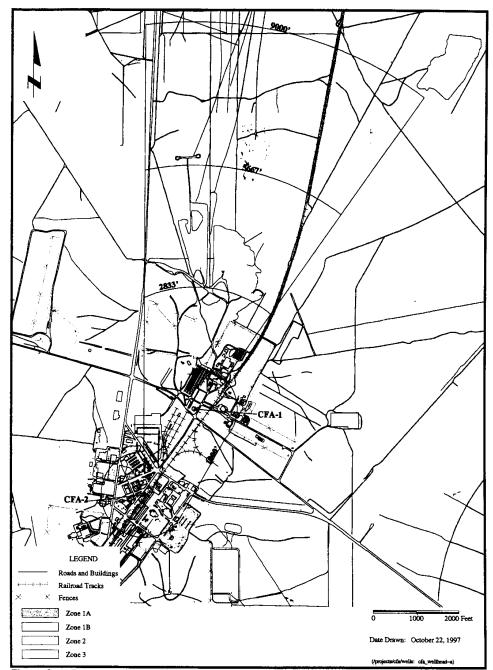


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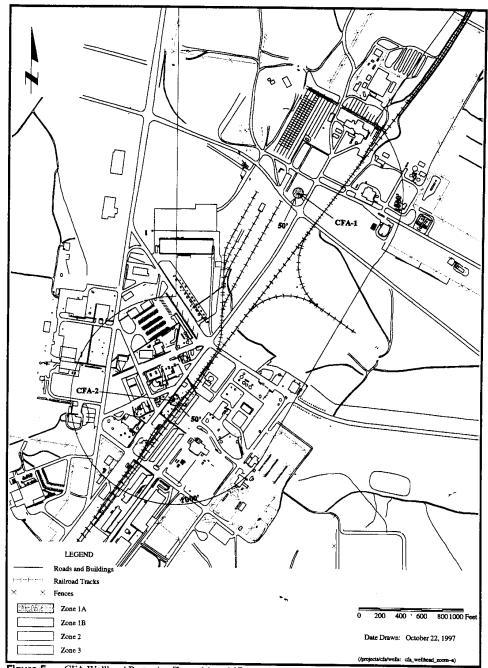


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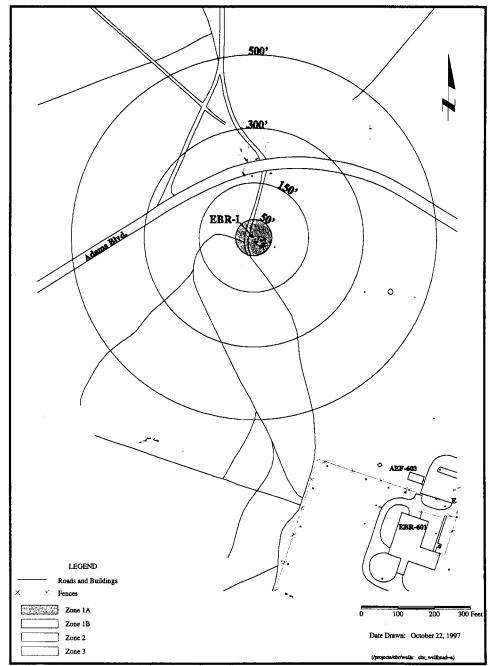


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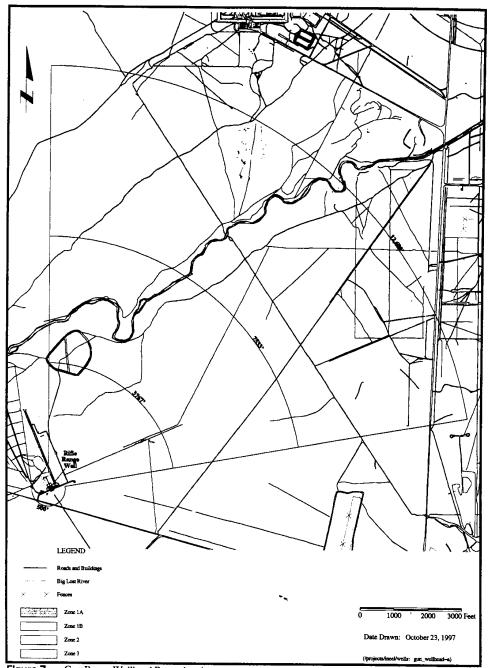


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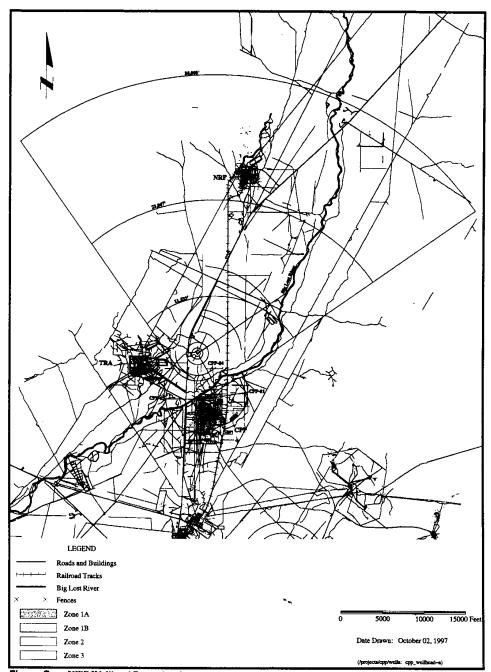


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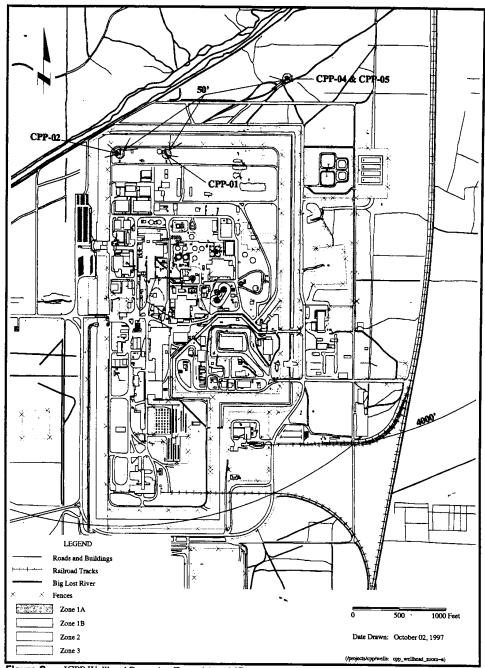


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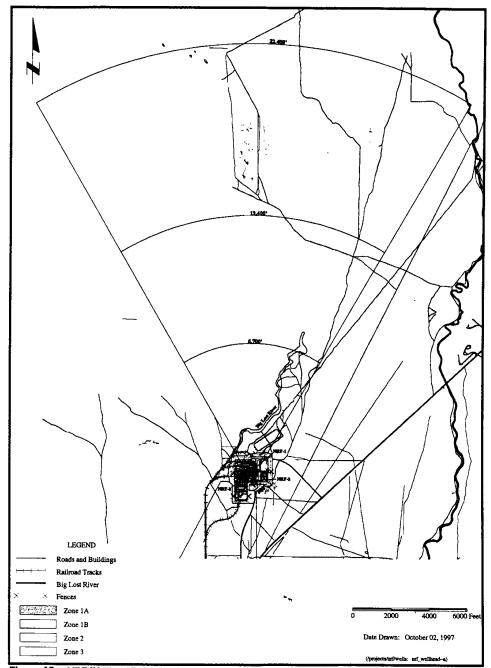


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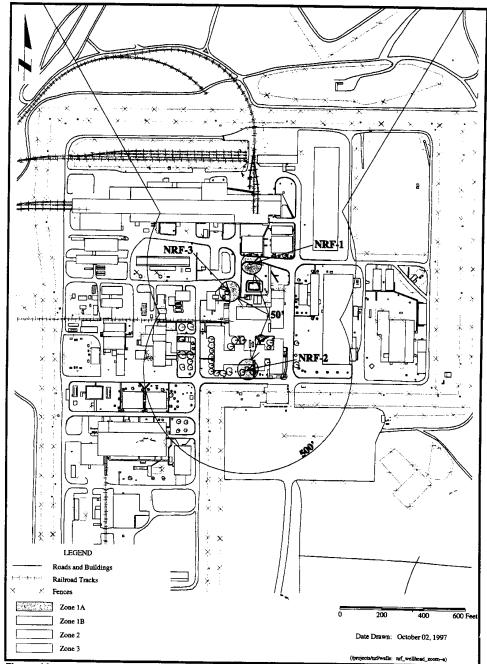


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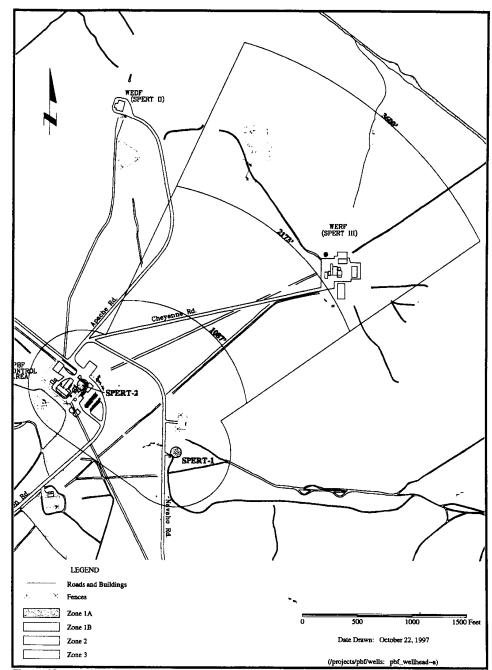
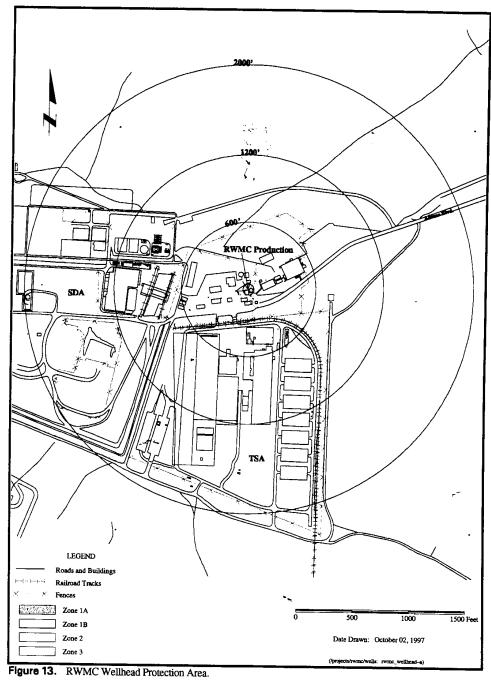


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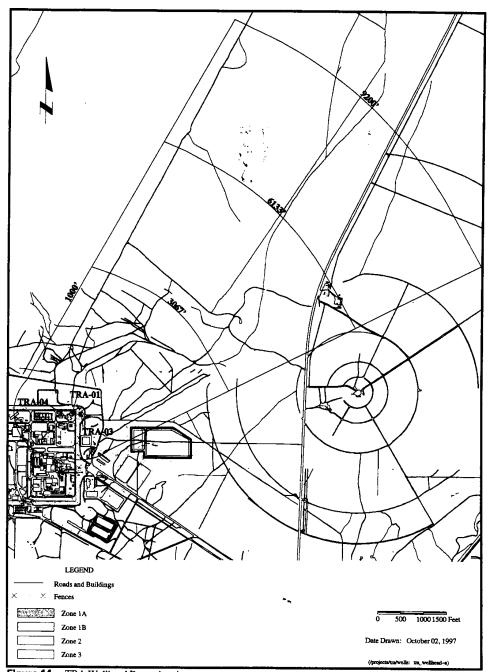


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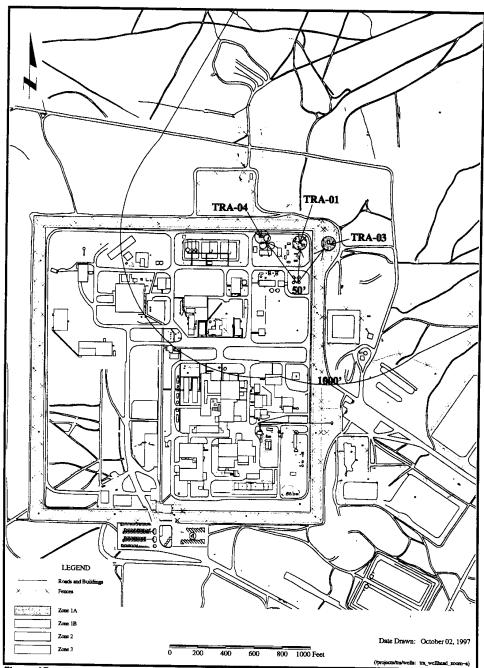


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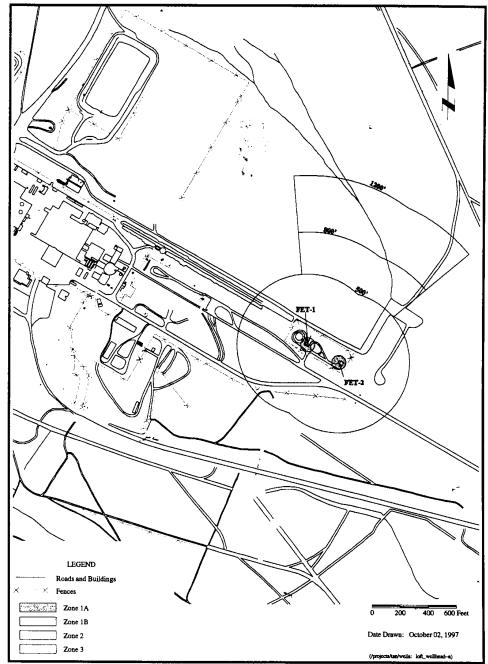


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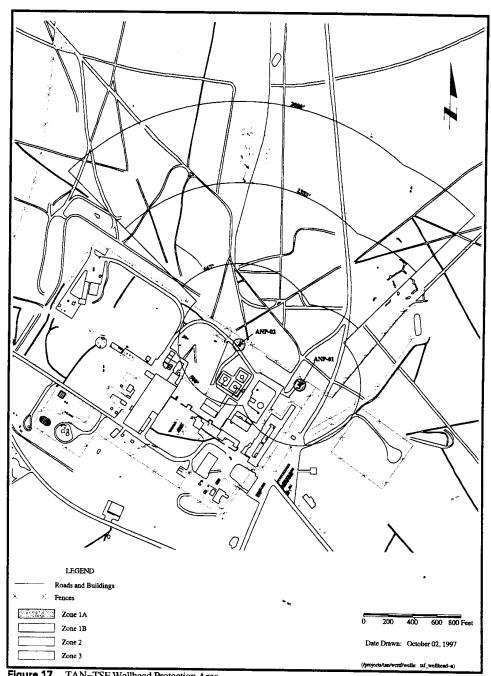


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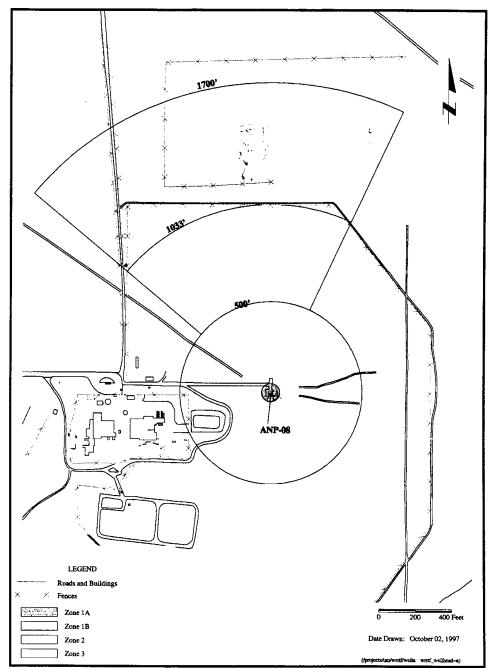


Figure 18. TAN-WRRTF Wellhead Protection Area.

# Appendix E Environmental Checklist



# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date:

October 6, 1999

To:

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J, K. Winterholler

MS 5227

6-1086

From:

J. F. Graham

MS 4110

6-7935

Subject:

APPROVAL OF THE INTEC PERCOLATION FOND REPLACEMENT PROJECT (INTEC-99-

008) - JFG-105-99

Bechtel BWXT Idaho LLC's (BBWTs) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/Environmental Program staff has approved the attached Environmental Checklist (EC) for the proposed action. In addition, the DOE Environmental Restoration Program Office and DOE NEPA Compliance Office have approved the action in accordance with the June 1994 Secretarial Policy on the National Environmental Policy Act. The attached EC and Approval Form will give your project an audit record and you may proceed with the project subject to compliance with any conditions stated on the approval sheet. If the project description or scope changes, please notify B. E. Walker at 526-8195. Reference the EC title and number (identified above) for subsequent transmittals regarding this EC.

### BEW

#### Attachments

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# **Environmental Checklist Approval Form**

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Jack D Depperschmidt@Exchange on 10/05/99 12:15 PM From:

Brynna K Evans/EVANBK/LMITCO/INEEL/US@INEL To:

John S Irving/JSI4/LMITCO/INEL/US@INEL, Rachel L Collins@Exchange, Kathleen E Hain@Exchange, cc:

Talley W Jenkins@Exchange, Roger L Twitchell@Exchange, Vicki L Johnson@Exchange

Subject: FW: INTEC-99-008, Percolation Pond Replacement Project

Based on my review of the attached environmental checklist, INTEC-99-008, I have determined, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized by DOE Order 451.1A), that the environmental impacts of the proposed action should be covered by the CERCLA process as referenced in the text. Therefore, no further NEPA review is required

-Odginal Message

From: Evans, Brynna K

Tuesday, October 05, 1999 9:26 AM Sent:

To: Depperschmidt, Jack D

Cc: Irving, John S

Subject: INTEC-99-008, Percolation Pond Replacement Project

Importance:

The final environmental checklist is attached for your NEPA approval. Thanks.

INTEC-09-008.400

From: Kathleen E Hain@Exchange on 10/05/99 12:58 PM

To: Brynna K Evans/EVANBK/LMITCO/INEEL/US@INEL

cc:

Subject: RE: INTEC-99-008, Percolation Pond Replacement Project

Bryanna -

This EC is approved.

Kathleen E. Hain, Director Environmental Restoration

--- Original Message

From: Evans, Brynna K

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 1999 9:32 AM

To: Hain, Kathleen E

INTEC-99-008, Percolation Pond Replacement Project

Subject: INTE

The attached Environmental Checklist (listed above) is being sent for your review of the activity and concurrence that it meets the requirements specified in the 1994 Secretarial Policy on the National Environmental Policy Act for a CERCLA activity that is excluded from the NEPA process. These requirements are:

- 1. That the proposed action does not site, construct, or operate a treatment, storage or disposal facility that, in addition to supporting CERCLA actions, would also serve waste management or other purposes.
- 2. That steps have been taken to the extent practical to ensure opportunities for early public involvement in the CERCLA process and that DOE will make CERCLA documents available to the public as early as possible.

This EC has already been reviewed by the DOE-ID NEPA Compliance Office. All comments to date have been resolved. The EC is in its final form, but has not been sent out as approved. If you have any comments, please let me know. If you approve of the EC, please send me an e-mail note as soon as possible. Thank you.

Brynna Walker

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST ATTACHMENT**

#### SECTION B (cont'd). Project Description:

The proposed project will construct two percolation ponds at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC), Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), to replace the existing percolation ponds. INTEC generates 1.5 to 2.5 million gallons of process wastewater (service water) per day. This water is currently discharged to two percolation ponds just south of INTEC. The ponds are scheduled for closure under the proposed Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) remediation plan for Operable Unit (OU) 3-13. The closure of the old ponds will be covered by a separate environmental checklist. This closure is required because water infiltration from the ponds can mobilize contaminants contained in the soil and perched water below INTEC. New ponds must be constructed before the existing ponds can be closed.

Two new like-for-like percolation ponds will be constructed at a new location approximately 2 miles southwest of the current ponds (see attached map). Two 14-inch diameter lines will be tied to the existing discharge lines and will run approximately 13,000 feet from the tie-in point near the southwest corner of INTEC to the new point of discharge at the new ponds. A new road will be required to access the ponds.

The existing pumps (4 electrical and 1 diesel) and piping inside INTEC facilities CPP-797 and CPP-1749 will be replaced to provide adequate capabilities to pump the extra distance to the new ponds. The existing pumps will be excessed. In addition, the project will require new groundwater characterization wells, groundwater monitoring wells, perched water monitoring wells, and geotechnical borings and excavations for percolation testing.

The proposed project is budgeted at \$4M. Geotechnical investigations (soil borings, percolation tests, and groundwater characterization wells) will begin in October 1999. The results of these investigations will be used as the basis for design and will also be required for the Wastewater Land Application Permit. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2000 and be completed in November 2000. A subcontractor will perform all construction activities.

## SECTION C (cont'd). Sources of impacts: Would the action involve, generate, or result in changes to any of the following?

1. Air Emissions - Trenching and excavation activities may generate fugitive dust emissions and exhaust from heavy equipment. See Section F, Requirements of Operations, No. 1 for guidance.

In addition, an emergency diesel pump will be replaced with a larger capacity pump in CPP-1749. See the attached Air Permitting Applicability Determination (APAD) for requirements of operations related to the diesel pump.

- 4. Excess Noise Levels Excessive noise levels will be generated by heavy equipment, portable compressors and powered hand tools. Personnel noise exposure will be managed by adhering to the requirements specified in MCP-2719, "Hearing Conservation," which implements the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.95 and 29 CFR 1926.52. Noise exposure managed in accordance with MCP-2719 is considered an insignificant impact on the human environment.
- 5. Utility Modification The service waste system discharge line will be rerouted from the existing percolation ponds to the new percolation ponds. Two new 14-inch lines will be tied to the existing discharge lines and will extend approximately 13,000 feet from the existing point of discharge to the new percolation ponds. No new capacity will be added to the system.

Additional electrical energy will be required when the pumps inside CPP-797/1749 are changed out for larger pumps. Power will be provided for the new pumps from Load Center #3, which is being installed east of CPP-797 by the Electrical Utility System Upgrade project. All modification activities will be conducted in accordance with DOE Orders, the National Electric Code, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

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6. Soil Disturbance — Approximately 10 acres will be excavated for the new percolation ponds, which will be about 10 feet deep. The excavated soil will be used to create berms around the ponds. In addition, a trench (approximately 13,000 feet long, 5-8 feet wide, and 5-10 feet deep) will be excavated for the new service waste discharge lines. The lines will be routed under roads by boring. Soil excavated from the trench will be used as backfill. A new graveled access road (approximately 1 mile long) will extend from Portland Drive north to the new ponds.

Geotechnical investigations required for title design will require drilling bore holes (about 4 inches in diameter by 15 feet deep) every 300 feet along the distribution pipe route and eight holes (4 inches by about 40 feet deep (to basalt)) in the percolation ponds. Other geotechnical investigations will require digging four percolation test holes (4 feet in diameter by 4 feet deep). Following the geotechnical work the holes will be backfilled.

Four groundwater characterization wells will be drilled to the aquifer (approximately 500 feet deep) for Wastewater Land Application Permit baseline input. Four groundwater monitoring wells will also be required. The characterization wells will likely also be used for monitoring wells. The well locations are as follows: E285,459.438 and N687,396.563; E286,698.656 and N691,327.563; E287,491.375 and N687,177.063; and E285,855.719 and N690,620.688. Additionally, up to 5 perched water monitoring wells (about 150 feet deep) will be drilled during construction. The locations of these wells will be determined by the results of the characterization wells.

Excavation will also be required outside CPP-797 to change out a portion of an existing stainless steel header. Approximately 100 cubic yards of soil will be excavated and then used as backfill.

Excavation of the percolation test holes must be performed according to the INEEL Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Industrial Activities (SWPPP-IA) (DOE/ID-10431). However, other soil disturbing activities must be performed according to an approved project-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Construction Activities (SWPPP-CA) (see Section F, Conditions, No. 1).

Note: The proposed location of the percolation ponds is not within the Big Lost River 100 year floodplain.

8. Water/Well Use – Potable water will be used to test the new discharge lines for leaks. In addition, the new percolation ponds will be designed to handle up to 3 million gallons of wastewater per day, since the rest of the system is designed to handle that quantity. The ponds will be sited to comply with a Wastewater Land Application Permit (WLAP) so that there will be no impacts on existing drinking water or production wells, or to perched water beneath INTEC (see Section, F, Requirements of Operations, No. 2). Overall plant water usage will not increase.

Within 8 days of well completion, well construction information must be submitted to the Integrated Earth Science Manager to update the INEEL Comprehensive Well Survey Database.

In addition, the wellhead protection plan developed by Environmental Affairs must be followed.

- 12. Petroleum Storage Petroleum products such as gasoline, diesel fuel, motor oil, and hydraulic oils will be used during construction. They will be used in compliance with applicable contractor procedures.
- 13. Solid Waste The proposed project will generate up to 30 cubic meters of nonhazardous, nonradioactive waste, such as packaging material, normal construction debris, and piping from demolition and tie-ins of the service waste lines. Upon waste generation, Waste Generator Services (WGS) will be responsible for performing hazardous waste determinations and waste characterization. This characterization will be completed according to WGS published procedures using the Waste Determination & Disposition Form, INBEL form number 435.39. All waste generated and characterized will be managed to meet the requirements specified in the INEEL Reusable Property, Recyclable Materials and Waste Acceptance Criteria (RRWAC). Management of the waste will initially be the responsibility of the project manager and then transferred to WGS.

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16. Radioactive Waste -- The proposed project will generate up to 3 cubic meters of radioactive waste, which would consist of hand tools and anti-contamination clothing used during the tie-in of the new discharge lines to the existing discharge lines inside INTEC and outside CPP-797/1749. Radioactive waste will be disposed of at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) according to the facility's WAC-RRWAC. Management of the waste will initially be the responsibility of the project manager and then transferred to WGS.

- 18. Radiation Exposure There will be no more than 3 mrem total exposure during the tie-in of the new discharge lines to the existing discharge lines. Radiation exposure other than background level is not expected for the remainder of the project. Exposure will be managed in compliance with 10 CFR 835 "Occupational Radiation Protection," and the as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA) principle using time, distance, and shielding. The radiation exposure for personnel conducting this work will comply with a Radiation Work Permit (RWP) that controls maximum exposure levels.
- 19. Liquid Effluent Potable water will be used to test the new discharge lines for leaks. This water will then be discharged into the new percolation pends. Once the new pends are in operation, up to 3 million gallons of wastewater per day will be discharged into the pends. This figure is based on historical records; there are no plans to actually discharge this much. The wastewater will be in compliance with all requirements of the WLAP permit.

By the time a new WLAP facility (i.e., the new percolation ponds) is 50 percent complete, the project manager must prepare a detailed plan of operation and submit to Environmental Affairs.

The project manager must submit to Environmental Affairs an as-built certification by a registered professional engineer and specifications within 12 working days of completing actual construction of the percolation ponds, or as-built plans if the actual construction deviates from the approved plans and specifications.

The project manager must submit a revised plan of operation to Environmental Affairs within 1 year of commencing operations.

20. Sensitive Resources – Ecological evaluations of the project areas have been performed by the Environmental Science and Research Foundation (see attached letters from R. D. Blew). The areas being affected by this project are not wetlands, unique habitats, or areas known to be occupied by threatened or endangered species. It is unlikely the project will have a measurable impact on species of federal or state concern. Percolation pond berms will be sloped to allow wildlife to safely access the ponds to obtain drinking water. Fencing will not be installed around the new ponds. The distribution pipe excavation and pond berm sides will be planted with native species.

Excavation for the new percolation ponds, groundwater characterization wells, geotechnical tests, access road, groundwater monitoring wells, perched water monitoring wells, and water distribution lines could be constructed near identified cultural sites. To avoid these sites, all soil disturbance activities should be coordinated with the INEEL Cultural Resource Management Office. Clearance has been recommended for this work (see attached notes from Brenda Pace and Clayton Marler).

21. CERCLA / RCRA Site – Excavation activities will be conducted inside Environmentally Controlled Area (ECA) CPP-88 for distribution line tie-ins and to replace approximately 5 feet of an existing stainless steel header outside CPP-797. The new percolation ponds will be located outside of INTEC and outside of any ECAs. This location will be included in the Record of Decision for Operable Unit 3-13.

SECTION E. Category Evaluation Criteria: Would the action . . .

 Require or modify federal, state, or local permits, approvals, etc.? Project-specific SWPPP-CA

SECTION F. NEPA level of documentation and reference(s).

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### Requirements of Operations:

1. Fugitive Dust Control – Fugitive dust emissions that may be produced during excavation and trenching activities must be controlled in accordance with IDAPA 16.01.01.650, "Idaho Rules for Control of Fugitive Dust." This requires that all reasonable precautions be taken to prevent the generation of fugitive dust. The performing organization project manager shall ensure that fugitive dust emissions are controlled. Some reasonable precautions may include, but are not limited to, using water or chemicals, using control equipment, and covering trucks. For additional guidance, see the attached APAD or contact John Gill, LMITCO Environmental Affairs, at 526-8406.

2. Wastewater Land Application Permit - A WLAP must be obtained to allow service wastewater to be discharged into the new percolation ponds. For guidance, contact Dennis Walker at 526-0226.

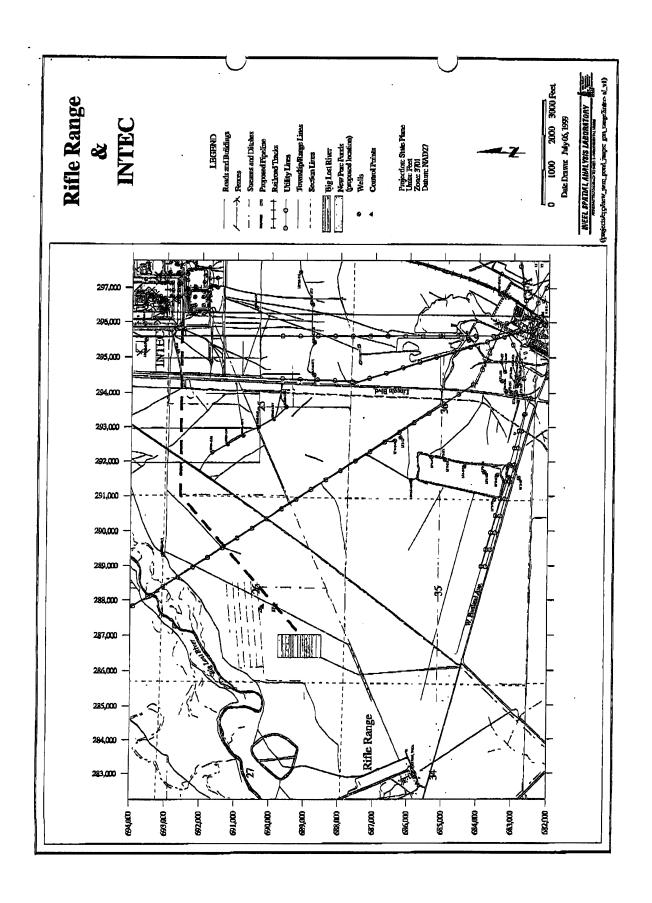
#### Conditions:

1. Soil Disturbance — A project-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Construction Activities (SWPPP-CA) must be approved prior to soil disturbance (other than that necessary for geotechnical investigations). Other work, such as Title Design, may be conducted before the SWPPP-CA is approved. For guidance, consult the INEEL SWPPP-CA document (DOE/ID-10425). If additional information is needed, contact the INEEL SWPPP Coordinator, DeAnna Braun, at 526-8409. Before beginning any soil disturbance activities, the project manager must verify approval of the SWPPP-CA and notify Brynna Walker (\$26-8195) when this condition has been met.

#### **Contractor Comments:**

- 1. Summary of the Proposed Action: The proposed project will construct two percolation ponds at INTEC to replace the existing percolation ponds, which are scheduled for closure. Two new like-for-like percolation ponds will be constructed at a new location approximately 2 miles southwest of the current ponds. Two 14-inch diameter lines will be tied to the existing discharge lines and will run approximately 13,000 feet from the existing point of discharge to the new point of discharge. The proposed project is budgeted at \$4M. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2000 and be completed in November 2000. A subcontractor would perform all construction activities.
- 2. Use of the CERCLA Process: In accordance with the June 1994 Secretarial Policy on the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of Energy will rely on the CERCLA Process for review of actions to be taken under CERCLA. The proposed activity supports a CERCLA action and does not support the siting, construction, or operation of a treatment, storage, or disposal facility for waste management or other purposes unrelated to CERCLA. The CERCLA documents for this activity have incorporated NEPA values to the extent practicable, and the CERCLA documents will be made available to the public in accordance with the requirements of CERCLA.
- 3. CERCLA Strategy: Although the proposed activity is not a CERCLA action, it does support a future CERCLA action, since the new percolation ponds must be constructed before the existing ponds are closed under CERCLA. This is documented in the Record of Decision for the CERCLA remediation plan for OU 3-13 (to be signed by all parties in October 1999).

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# AIR PERMITTING APPLICABILITY DETERMINATION (APAD) ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Note: This attachment serves as official transmittal of the Environmental Affairs APAD and is approved based on information and project description supplied for this determination. The undersigned agree that the information in the referenced document is true, accurate, and complete to the best of their knowledge.

### Section A. Reviewer, Tracking, and Approval Project Title: INTEC Percolation Pond Replacement Project Date: September 28, 1999 Project Number: 3XDC22 APAD Tracking Number: 99-64 NEPA Document Number: INTEC-99-008 APAD Technical Author: Rachel Delmore Telephone: 526-5950 APAD Technical Reviewer: Ray McDougal Telephone: 526-0517 Signature: Manager Approval (not required for transmittal of no Date: permitting required statements): E. Dennis Walker Telephone: 526-0226 DOE Project Technical Manager (not required for Signature: Date: transmittal of no permitting required statements): James F. Graham Telephone: 526-7935 Performing Organization Project Manager (not required for Signature: Date: transmittal of no permitting required statements): Kirk Winterholler Telephone: Facility Manager (not required for transmittal of no Signature: Date: permitting required statements): Telephone: Section B. Air Permitting Applicability Determination Permit to Construct (PTC) required (contact DEQ) PTC Modification Required (contact DEQ) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit Category I Exemption Category II Exemption Director's Exemption Further Evaluation for Permitting Required No Permitting Required, With Conditions No Permitting Required, Without Conditions No Permitting Required, CERCLA Action with Conditions (must meet ARARs)

### Section C. Brief Description of Air Pollutant Emitting Aspects of Proposed Activity

Percolation pond replacement will produce fugitive dust emissions during excavation and trenching activities.

 $A \le 100$  horsepower emergency diesel pump will be installed and used, however, Kirk Winterholler indicated that the pump will use diesel fuel, and run less than one hour per month for testing purposes, which qualifies the pump for a Category II Permit to Construct (PTC) exemption.

Section D. Impact (check if applicable)	
Additional Requirement(s) Attached	Air Operating Permit Certification
APAD Revision Requirement	CERCLA Remedial Action
Change in Stack Parameters	Demolition Notification
Excess Emissions Reporting	Fuel Burning Equipment Particulate Matter
Fuel Sulfur Content	Fugitive Dust Control
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NESHAP Radionuclide Actual Emissions	NESHAP Subcontractor Asbestos Notification
NESHAP Unabated Radionuclide Emissions	Notification of Bmissions Change
Open Burning	Particulate Matter Process Weight Limitations
Portable Equipment Registration	Project Status
Reporting	Subcontractor Internal Combustion Engine(s)
Subcontractor Permitting/Registration	Tier I AOP Duration
Tier I AOP Renewal	Visible Emissions

#### Section E. Summary of Requirements of Operations

Fugitive Dust Control - Fugitive dust emissions that may be produced during construction, demolition, excavation, and backfilling activities must be controlled in accordance with Idaho Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 16.01,01,650, "Idaho Rules for Control of Fugitive Dust". This requires that all reasonable precautions be taken to prevent the generation of fugitive dust. The performing organization Project Manager shall ensure that fugitive dust emissions for the proposed action are controlled. Some reasonable precautions may include but are not limited to, the use of water or chemicals, the use of control equipment, and the covering of trucks. For additional guidance, contact John Gill (LMITCO Environmental Affairs; 526-8406).

For combustion sources with a maximum rated input of less than 10 million BTU/hr or more particulate matter emissions shall not exceed the grain loading emission limits of 0.015 grains per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf) of effluent gas corrected to three percent (3%) oxygen by volume for gaseous fuel, 0.050 gr/dscf for liquid fuel, and 0.100 gr/dscf for coal (corrected to 8% oxygen.

For combustion sources with a maximum rated input of 10 million BTU/hr or more, particulate matter emissions shall not exceed the grain loading emission limits of 0.015 grains per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf) of effluent gas corrected to three percent (3%) oxygen by volume for gaseous fuel, 0.050 gr/dscf for liquid fuel, and 0.050 gr/dscf for coal (corrected to 8% oxygen). IDAPA 16.01.01.675-677

Air Emissions Inventory (phase I & II) (John Gill) Annual Toxics Report (Byron Anderson)  NESHAP Annual Report (Jim Tkachyk)  PSD Quarterly Report (Scott Lane)  Sermi-annual Continuous Compliance Report (Jim I	Air Operating Permit (John Gill)  Continuous Compliance Monitoring (JimTkachyk)  Periodic Confirmatory Monitoring (JimTkachyk)  kachyk)
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Potential for fugitive dust emissions with regard to excavation and trenching activities of percolation ponds. Also, the emergency diesel pump is a point-source.

## IDAPA 16.01.01.220 GENERAL EXEMPTION CRITERIA FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT EXEMPTIONS

- Of General Exemption Criteria. Sections 220 through 223 may be used by owners or operators to exempt certain sources from the requirement to obtain a permit to construct. Nothing in these sections shall preclude an owner or operator from choosing to obtain a permit to construct. For purposes of Sections 220 through 223, the term source means the equipment or activity being exempted. No permit to construct is required for a source that satisfies all of the following criteria, in addition to the criteria set forth at Sections 221, 222, or 223: (11-13-98)T
  - Less than one hundred (100) tons. Uncontrolled potential emissions of the source shall not exceed one hundred (100) tons per year of any regulated air pollutant. (11-13-98)T
     Qualification: Uncontrolled potential emissions will be less than 100 tons per year.
  - b. No significant increases. Uncontrolled potential emissions of the source shall not cause an increase in the emissions of a major facility that exceeds the significant emissions rates set out in the definition of significant at Section 006. (11-13-98)T

Qualification: Uncontrolled potential emissions will not cause a significant increase.

c. Compliance with NAAQS. Uncontrolled potential emissions of the source shall not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of an ambient air quality standard, based upon the applicable air quality models, data bases, and other requirements of 40 CFR Part 51, Appendix W (Guideline on Air Quality Models). No further demonstration is required for those sources listed at Subsection 222.02. (11-13-98)T Qualification: The ≤100 horsepower emergency pump will use diesel fuel and will be operated less than

two hundred (200) hours per year. This limited use will not contribute to exceedance of the  $\,$ 

NAAQS standards. (See Appendix A for emission calculations and summary.

- Combination. The source shall not be part of a proposed new major facility or part of a proposed major modification. (11-13-98)T
   Qualification: The source is not part of a new major facility.
- 02. Record Retention. Unless the source is subject to and the owner or operator complies with Section 385, the owner or operator of the source, except for those sources listed in Subsections 222.02.a. through 222.02.g., shall maintain documentation on site which shall identify the exemption determined to apply to the source and verify that the source qualifies for the identified exemption. The records and documentation shall be kept for a period of time not less than five (5) years from the date the exemption determination has been made or for the life of the source for which the exemption has been determined to apply, which ever is greater, or until such time as a permit to construct or an operating permit is issued which covers the operation of the source. The owner or operator shall submit the documentation to the Department upon request. (11-13-98)T

  Qualification: Required records will be retained.

#### 222. CATEGORY II EXEMPTION.

No permit to construct is required for the following sources. (11-13-98)T

- Exempt Source, A source that satisfies the criteria set forth in Section 220 and that is specified below: (11-13-98)T
  - d. Stationary internal combustion engines used exclusively for emergency purposes which are operated less than two hundred (200) hours per year and are fueled by natural gas, propane gas, liquefied petroleum gas, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oils, and diesel fuel; waste oil, gasoline, or refined gasoline shall not be used. (11-13-98)T

Qualification: Per Kirk Winterholler, the pump is for emergency purposes and qualifies for This exemption due to its size, use of diesel fuel, and limited yearly use.

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M. VORACHEK	ES&H	CPP	MS 5208						
WCB DIRC	Control Rep	CPP	MS 3421						

Appendix A — Air Permitting Applicability Determination Emission Calculations and Summary for  ${\leq}100\,\mathrm{Horsepower}$  Diesel Pump

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a. At the ambient air receptor location with the maximum concentration — includes public highway and INEEL site boundary receptor locations.

b. At the maximum site boundary receptor location.



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July 22, 1999

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Subject: Ecological evaluation for revised location for the INTEC Percolation Pond

Replacement Project (INTEC-99-008)

Dear Mr. Twitchell:

This letter provides recommendations in support of NEPA for activities related to the construction of two percolation pends for disposal of service waste water at INTEC. The facility will also require two 14-inch pipes about 1.5 miles long extending from near the current percolation pends to the new ones. This letter is in response to changes made in the siting of this facility.

The revised, proposed location for the ponds is southwest of INTEC (see attached map). The vegetation community of this area was classified as sagebrush steppe on lava and was dominated by big sagebrush, green rabbitbrush, thickspike wheatgrass and bluebunch wheatgrass. A total of 35 species of plants were noted in this area. Total plant cover was estimated at 25 percent. The soils were very gravelly. In this area, only one individual of the non-native species crested wheatgrass was found. This same community structure was found in the pipeline corridor from the ponds northeastward to just east of the bend in the corridor. At that point winterfat and crested wheatgrass also appeared as dominant species. Crested wheatgrass dominated the plant community from that point on east to INTEC.

The areas proposed for these activities are likely used by a diverse complement of small mammals, reptiles, and breeding bird species common to the sagebrush steppe. Some former Candidate species for listing as Threatened or Endangered (e.g., ferruginous hawk, loggerhead shrike and sagebrush lizard) are known to use these general areas. Big game animals likely using these areas include pronghorn and mule deer.

Waste ponds are the only reliable water source on the INEEL and are used extensively by wildlife. The creation of ponds in this area will likely act as an attractant for wildlife, primarily waterfowl, pronghorn, mule deer, and potentially elk. These animals will likely increase use of this area because of the proposed water source.

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It is possible to design the proposed ponds to enhance wildlife habitat on the INEEL. To facilitate use by wildlife, the slopes of the berms should be as flat as possible and covered with native vegetation. Transfer pipes between cells should be screened to prevent waterfowl from entering. Lack of proper screens at other INEEL facilities has resulted in mortality of waterfowl protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The project description does not mention the construction of fences around the percolation ponds. As long as contaminant transport is not an issue, fences should not be installed. Fences themselves can often cause negative impacts to wildlife, especially big game. If the berm slopes are not too steep and are covered with vegetation, the risk of an animal becoming trapped in or near the water, as has happened at the INTEC sewage ponds, is small.

The project description does not mention returning vegetative cover to the pipeline corridor or to the berms around the ponds. We recommend planning for revegetation be completed prior to any excavation. Most of the soils on the INEEL have a horizon containing high concentrations of calcium carbonate starting at about 45 cm (eighteen inches) below the soil surface. This material is generally not suitable as topsoil because its high pH and low nutrient availability make it difficult to revegetate. The top 45 cm (eighteen inches) of soil should be reserved separate from the material below it as it is excavated. This reserved topsoil should be returned as the surface horizon while backfilling the pipeline ditch, and spread over the surface of the berm around the ponds. We recommend these areas be planted with native species. We believe this to be especially important for the pond area because non-native species are relatively rare in that area. The Foundation can provide assistance to the project manager in selecting appropriate species and seeding rates. To further reduce the costs and regulatory liabilities associated with revegetation, the area of soil disturbance should be kept as small as possible.

An additional consideration for revegetation on the pipeline corridor is the thermal load from the pipeline on the soil above it. The project manager should ensure that the amount of heat transferred to the overlying soil will not impede growth of vegetation.

An issue that is becoming increasingly important to ecological resources on the INEEL is fragmentation of habitat into smaller units. This project will expand the influence of the INTEC complex. Even though the percolation ponds cover only a few acres, they will likely affect the patterns of wildlife use over an area larger than the present INTEC facility. To date, no assessment has been done of the cumulative impacts of such developments on ecological resources site-wide.

The areas likely to be affected by these activities are not wetlands, unique habitats, or areas known to be occupied by threatened or endangered species. It is unlikely the proposed activities will have any measurable impact on species of federal or state concern. It is my opinion a biological consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not necessary for these activities.

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If you have any questions regarding this evaluation, please contact me at the letterhead phone number.

Sincerely,

Roger D. Blew, Ph.D. Plant Ecologist

Enclosure: As Stated

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September 21, 1999

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Subject: Ecological evaluation for revision to the INTEC Percolation Pond Replacement Project

(INTEC-99-008)

Dear Mr. Twitchell:

This letter provides recommendations in support of NEPA for activities related to drilling monitoring wells associated with the INTEC Percolation Pond Replacement Project. A total of four wells will be drilled (see attached map).

The vegetation community of this area was classified as sagebrush steppe on lava and was dominated by big sagebrush, green rabbitbrush, thickspike wheatgrass and bluebunch wheatgrass. A total of 35 species of plants were noted in this area. Total plant cover was estimated at 25 percent. The soils were very gravelly. Two of the proposed well sites (002 and 003) are located in areas with significant densities of the non-native annual grass, cheatgrass.

The areas proposed for these activities are likely used by a diverse complement of small mammals, reptiles, and breeding bird species common to the sagebrush steppe. Some former candidate species for listing as threatened or endangered (e.g., ferruginous hawk, loggerhead shrike and sagebrush lizard) are known to use these general areas. Big game animals likely using these areas include pronghorn and mule deer.

The Foundation strongly suggests the size of the impacted area be kept as small as possible and weeds on the disturbed area, including cheatgrass, be controlled. All areas disturbed will require seeding with a mixture of native grasses. The Foundation also recommends that any roads built to the well pads be developed by mowing down the brush and the remaining vegetation not be grubbed, bladed or scraped off. Maintaining this native vegetation will aid in weed management on those roads. The Foundation can assist with details on revegetating the disturbed areas.

It is unlikely the proposed activities will have any measurable impact on species of federal or state concern. There are no federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, or records thereof, or designated critical habitat in proximity to the project

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area, the area of construction of storm water pollution prevention measures, the areas where storm water flows from the project area to the point of discharge, or in proximity to the area where storm water discharges into receiving waters. It is my opinion a biological consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not necessary for these activities.

If you have any questions regarding this evaluation, please contact me at the letterhead phone number.

Sincerely,

Roger D. Blew, Ph.D.

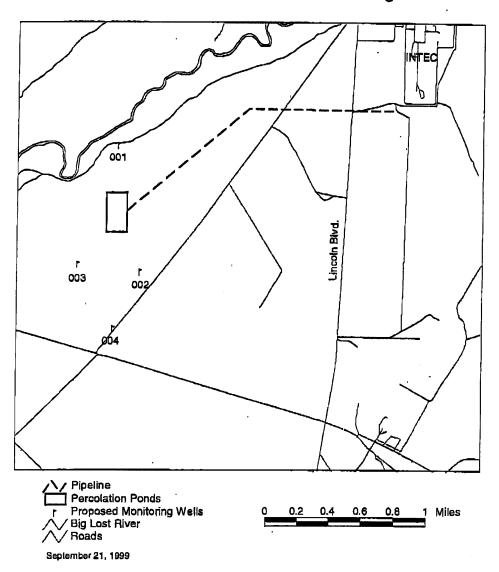
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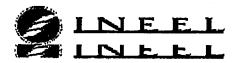
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# INTEC Percolation Ponds and Monitoring Wells





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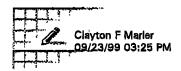
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Subject: Archaeological Clearance Recommendation

Hi Kirk, archaeological survey within the area surrounding the proposed new INTEC percolation ponds, pipeline, and associated wells is nearly complete. As of today, all currently proposed activity areas (ponds, pipeline/access road, four wells) have been intensively examined. Although several archaeological sites have been identified in the vicinity of these activity areas, I believe that all can be avoided by the work. This avoidance will require some coordination with the INEEL Cultural Resource Management Office. I will be pleased to provide this coordination for you, but will be out of the Office from September 17 through October 3, 1999. In my absence, Clayton Marier (6-0924) can assist you. When I return on October 4, 1999, I will assemble the information from the most recent well surveys and complete the archaeological technical report for the entire project. This shouldn't take long, and I expect that we can get it out to the State Historic Preservation Office and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes for their review by the second week in October. In the interim before we receive comments from these Agencies, it is imperative that we avoid damage to all identified archaeological resources in the INTEC perc pond study area. Again, Clayton Marier and I will assist in this avoidance. If care is taken to avoid the sensitive areas, clearance is recommended for the work. Don't hesitate to call me or Clayton if you have any questions. --Brende-



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Subject: Percolation Pond distribution line

Kirk- we surveyed the new east-west distribution line route yesterday and only encountered a small historic site. We surveyed a 50 m corridor on either side of the staked line yielding a total coverage of an approximate 100 m corridor. The historic site is located at the outer edge of the corridor, approximately 40 m from the center and likely can be easily avoided. To aid avoidance measures flagging marking the site was left in place. With the exception of this site nothing was found and assuming that it can be avoided, cultural resource clearance is recommended for development work related to the new distribution line route. As she mentioned in her note, Brenda will complete a more formal report for the entire project upon her return from Italy. If we can be of further assistance please let me know. Clayton